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Reagan appoints 8 aides

By Bob Lebling
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 — President-elect Ronald Reagan has announced his first eight cabinet selections — generally moderates, noted for imaginative thinking and strong managerial skills — and has turned his attention to other more difficult cabinet choices, particularly that of secretary of state.

Of the eight nominees selected Thursday — the secretaries of defense, Treasury and commerce and the director of the central intelligence Agency will have major foreign policy responsibilities.

Reagan's selections for these posts are expected to be welcomed by America's friends and allies overseas, including most Arab states, observers said.

The four appointments are:

Casper Weinberger, vice president and general counsel for Bechtel Corp., as secretary of defense; Donald Regan, chairman of Merrill Lynch and Company, Wall Street's largest stock brokerage and financial firm, as secretary of the treasury; Malcolm Baldrige, chairman of the manufacturing firm Scovill Inc., as secretary of commerce and Reagan's campaign manager William Casey, as director of the CIA.

Weinberger, a former cabinet official and one of Reagan's closest advisers, is known to advocate closer relations with the Arab world. His views are partly the result of his five years with Bechtel, a construction and engineering firm heavily involved in Saudi Arabia's development projects. Donald Regan (no relation to the president-elect) is regarded as an extremely bright and highly skilled manager. Over the past ten years he has built Merrill Lynch into a strong, diversified financial company, with more than 600 offices in the U.S. and abroad. His firm has operations in the Arab world.

Baldrige is also known as a talented corporate executive. Sources say he has taken a strong interest in his firm's overseas operations, and as commerce secretary he is expected to act quickly to improve America's export posture with the Arab states and other countries.

Casey, a former undersecretary of state for economic affairs and ex-president of the Export-Import Bank, has a background in intelligence work dating back to World War II. At that time, he headed European operations for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the forerunner to the CIA, and directed U.S. espionage against Hitler's Germany.

With his first eight cabinet choices out of the way, Reagan is now concentrating on the secretary of state post. The president-elect's personal choice for the job is retired Gen. Alexander Haig, former commander of NATO.

Democrats have threatened to challenge Haig on his connections with Watergate if he is named to the Reagan cabinet. Haig was chief of staff for President Richard Nixon during the Watergate era. But he was never charged with criminal involvement in the scandal.

Sources in the Reagan camp say the president-elect has extremely high regard for Haig's abilities, and is now inclined to nominate him despite threats from the Democratic side of the Senate, the body which must confirm the nomination.

Since the new Senate will be controlled by the Republicans, Reagan is said to believe his nomination of Haig will survive Democratic scrutiny in the confirmation hearing next month.

Republican senators agree with Reagan's assessment, and some believe the Democrats will back down from their challenge once the hearings begin in the first week of January.

Haig's appointment would be welcomed in Europe, and in many Arab countries as well. Before his retirement two years ago, Haig was honored by the government of Saudi Arabia, which presented him with the medal of King Abdul'Aziz, second class.

Spare parts to Jordan 'shipped to Egypt'

CAIRO, Dec. 13 (AFP) — American spare parts intended for the Jordanian Armed Forces were shipped to Egypt during the Jordan-Syria border crisis earlier this month, the Egyptian weekly magazine *October* said Saturday.

The spares were at present stockpiled at the Egyptian military base in Cairo West,

NATO members eye Poland's measures

BRUSSELS, Dec. 13 (R) — NATO governments begin coordinating policies next week on where to hit the Kremlin hardest if Poland is invaded or subjected to intense Soviet military pressure. While the 15-nation Western alliance has already agreed to retaliate on a board but non-military front, details are still to be settled and there may be complex hurdles ahead in aligning tactics for a United Western response.

Senior officials at NATO headquarters in Brussels say agreement may be possible in a few days on the first of a long list of political, economic and diplomatic counter-measures. But other reprisals actions on the still-secret "check-list" could embroil U.S. and European leaders in a repetition of the bickering and controversy that largely blunted the response when the Soviet Union sent troops into Afghanistan last December.

The biggest problem affects East-West trade. U.S. diplomats are pressing for a watertight agreement under which key nations involved, such as France and West Germany, would be prepared to sacrifice probable deals in the interests of Western solidarity.

French and West German foreign ministers promised full cooperation at a NATO conference this week, and alliance leaders are confident that Soviet intervention would be so traumatic for the West that unity would be assured, even if it involved commercial losses.

The foreign ministers concluded that a "Soviet menace .. hangs over Poland," and said Soviet intervention would destroy East-West detente and "fundamentally alter the entire international situation." Despite the general atmosphere of confidence, NATO diplomats believe divergencies are bound to arise when they start pinpointing

precise areas for retaliation. Ambassadors of NATO nations are expected to meet on Tuesday and Wednesday to discuss U.S., French and other proposals. While the foreign ministers agreed that outright Soviet invasion would leave the West no alternative except to hit back, they said NATO would retaliate even if Soviet intervention was limited to military intimidation or pressure to involve the Polish army as a repressive force.

The foreign ministers said NATO's reprisals would vary, depending on the gravity of Soviet intervention. NATO officials must now define what precisely would be regarded as intervention, if it was less than an outright invasion to restore Soviet-style political orthodoxy.

There is no agreement so far on what NATO would do if, as considered likely by military experts, the first move was made by the Polish army. If this involved bloodshed and repression, NATO would consider whether reprisals should be aimed against Moscow or against the Warsaw government, or both.

U.S. Secretary of state Edmund Muskie also warned here Friday that any intervention against Poland by the Soviet-led Warsaw military alliance would have "far-reaching implications" for East-West relations. In a press conference at the close of the conference here, Muskie said: "It has been one of the most satisfying, reassuring of NATO foreign ministers meetings which I have attended."

The ministers had displayed "unity of view, unity of purpose and resolve which I like to think of as an alliance characteristic." "I think it is important for the Soviet Union to understand that there is...real resolve."

Bankers welcome Regan as secretary of treasury

By Rich Miller

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (R) — Bankers here generally welcomed the choice of Donald Regan as the next treasury secretary, but some doubt that he has the international reputation needed for such a key post in the incoming Republican administration. Regan, 61, is chairman and chief executive officer of the New York-based brokerage firm Merrill Lynch, the largest U.S. financial company.

Some economists who want big tax cuts as incentive to investment and productivity wondered whether the pragmatic head of Merrill Lynch would fully adhere to this economic program, which was endorsed by President-elect Ronald Reagan during the election campaign.

But, whatever their feelings about Regan, most experts agreed there was little he or the new administration could do in the short run to solve the massive economic problems facing the United States.

One economist at Manufacturers Hanover Trust said that when the Republicans take office next month, "strains developing, and already existing, in the financial system may make certain that the economy will once again begin to contract."

Regan himself appeared to agree with that analysis in a televised interview Friday. "Definitely, things will be weaker in the first half of 1981 than they have been in the third quarter of 1980," he said. Bankers and other business executives said they thought Regan's managerial skills would play an important part in his new job.

"I expect he will run tight and efficient at the treasury," said Chase Manhattan Bank Chairman David Rockefeller. On the issue of international standing, Donald Woolley, senior vice president of Bankers Trust said

Jordan against Gulf interference

AMMAN, Dec. 13 (AP) — The Jordanian government, reacting to the Soviet proposal for demilitarizing the Gulf, said it opposed any interferences in the security of the area. A Jordanian government spokesman said: "Jordan opposes any interference and

affirms that the security of the Gulf should be left to the Gulf countries themselves." He added that King Hussein had made it clear before that "This essential area should be kept away from any foreign domination from all sides."

The Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, addressing the Indian parliament Wednesday, outlined a plan for the security of the Gulf whereby the United States and the Soviet Union would renounce military bases and nuclear weapons in the region. He proposed the Western nations, China and Japan and the Gulf countries to agree to their "mutual obligation" to insure peace and guarantee open sea lanes to the Gulf.

The first reaction to the Soviet scheme came from Bahrain which Thursday called it "a new idea in the war of words between the superpowers."

Egypt has described the plan as "ironical" because the Soviets were occupying Afghanistan. "Egypt continues to keep this region nonaligned but at the same time it understands the need of individual countries in the region to seek security against what they see as possible threats to their sovereignty after the invasion of Afghanistan," a senior Egyptian foreign ministry official said.

Iraq also criticized the Soviet security plan as "a peace proposal from one superpower to another."



(SPA photo)
ARRIVAL: The Japanese Minister for International Trade and Industry, Rokusuke Tanaka arrives in Riyadh Friday for talks with Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman Solsalm. He was welcomed at the airport by Dr. Solsalm and the Deputy Minister, Tewfiq Ibrahim, left, and the Ambassador Teruhiko Nakamura, right.

Sultan denies Soviet claims

RIYADH, Dec. 13 (SPA) — Defense and Civil Aviation Minister Prince Sultan has denied that Soviet arms destined for Iraq were being routed through Saudi Arabia.

In a statement reported by the Saudi Press Agency Saturday the minister blamed "hostile Communist and Zionist circles for spreading these malicious reports" against the Kingdom. He said that reports "claiming that Saudi Arabia has agreed to Soviet plans to supply Iraq with arms through Yanbu (on the Red Sea) and Badana (on the Saudi-Iraqi border are completely baseless". The minister added that "there is no dealing between us and the Soviet Union" and that "Iraq has not requested any assistance from us."

Prince Sultan said the armed forces of the Kingdom were capable of defending it in the event of aggression. He dismissed foreign reports and rumors that the forces were not adequate to defend the country. "If we are attacked our forces and our moral and religious power will prove the opposite" he said.

The minister however ruled out any aggression against Saudi Arabia "since all the neighbors are Sisterly Arab states." "If the government wanted to deal with every rumor and false report it will have nothing else, to do" he said.

To Eritrean front

Soviets ferry Ethiopians

CAIRO, Dec. 13 (AP) — Soviet gunboats are ferrying Ethiopian forces to the African country's latest battlefield against the people seeking independence for war-torn and strategically located Eritrea province, a spokesman for one of the rebel groups says.

And low-flying Ethiopian planes, according to the spokesman, have in the past month begun dropping toy-like "booby bombs" over the rebel-held, mountain villages where an on-and-off war for independence has been waged since Ethiopia annexed the former Italian colony of Eritrea in 1962.

A number of reports indicated the Soviet-backed Ethiopian regime of Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam has launched a new offensive to wipe the Eritrean freedom fighters from their Horn of Africa region that has become a standoff point in East-West relations.

The Soviet Union is establishing a naval base in the Dahlak Islands, set in the southern Red Sea, within sight of Eritrea, while the United States is establishing its own naval facility 500 miles to the south at Berbera Somalia. Ethiopia, whose military is said to be supervised by Cuban and Russian advisers, has for years accused its neighbor to the north, Sudan, of aiding the Eritreans.

The Soviet-flag vessels are for the first time making an appearance in the Ethiopian campaign, rushing Mengistu's units into tiny,



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Prince Saud says

Pakistan visit produced results

JEDDAH, Dec. 13 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal said that Crown Prince Fahd's visit to Pakistan produced good results regarding the strong relations between the two countries.

Prince Saud added that the visit has laid solid groundwork to promote relations between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan on the path of brotherhood and close Islamic solidarity. The visit also will help to improve ties in addition to diversifying the mutual objectives between the two countries. The visit was an opportunity where the two leaders could review the crucial challenges facing the Islamic community, he added.

In addition, leaders of Kashmir hailed the results of Crown Prince Fahd's visit. The officials expressed their appreciation to Prince Fahd's statement in which he said that any intervention in Pakistan would be considered an intervention in Saudi Arabia's affairs.

Leaders of Azad Kashmir, the Pakistani region, issued a statement at the end of a meeting in Mirpur affirming a confidence that originated from the Kingdom's support of the Islamic cause. Azad Kashmir is part of the disputed Kashmir state and comes under the sovereignty of Pakistan. The residents of main parts of the state occupied by India since 1947 mostly are Muslims.

During Prince Fahd's visit, he toured two provincial capitals. At Lahore, the venue of the Second Islamic Summit, Prince Fahd was entertained with a performance of equestrian skills in Muslim tradition and other marshall



Prince Saud Al-Faisal
sports at a specially arranged horse and cattle show.

The prince received a standing and spontaneous ovation from about 40,000 spectators as trumpeters announced his arrival into the colorful "fortress stadium." Driven in a state coach and flanked by lance-bearing horsemen — the president's bodyguards — the prince waved back to the cheering crowd.

While the visit to Pakistan was taking place, Prince Fahd expressed hope that the Afghan people would soon be able to decide

their own destiny and choose their own government. He called upon the free world to help the Afghan refugees in every manner, especially for food, clothing and medicine. At the same time of Fahd's visit, Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev was in New Delhi in meetings with Indira Gandhi.

India is perhaps the worst hit after Japan by the halt in oil supplies from its traditional sources because of the Gulf war. In its search for alternate sources, Indian emissaries have visited the Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates. Observers in Pakistan noted that President Brezhnev's diplomatic sophistry in New Delhi was designed to enlist greater Indian support to its military action in Muslim Afghanistan. But the significance of Prince Fahd's presence across the border in Pakistan, which bears the direct brunt of the Soviet action, has not been lost on India, observers said.

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In industry and electricity, both sides decided to construct a joint methanol plant and cooperate in power development in the Kingdom and to consider cooperation in ship repair and shipbuilding. However, this area has not been spelled out in detail at this stage.

The delegates agreed on closer cooperation between the national shipping lines of the two countries.

Both nations will take measures to prevent trade disputes and make visa procedures easier for visits by businessmen to and from both countries. China promised to train Saudi Arabian quality control personnel in electrical appliances and textile industries, and agreed to ask Chinese exporters to supply sugar, cement, steel products and other goods for the Saudi Arabian market. Chinese traders also will continue to hold exhibitions in Saudi Arabia.

In agriculture, the Chinese will train Saudi farm workers and will send experts to study the feasibility of private investments in farming here. Both sides also agreed to promote private fishery and fresh water fish culture joint ventures.

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It cannot be doubted that the Interior Ministry has made this announcement to uphold the interests of the country and the natives. Therefore, every Saudi Arabian ought to feel duty-bound to cooperate with the competent authorities in implementing the ministry's directives. The natives are urged to refrain from employing anyone living illegally in the Kingdom.

In my view, the responsibility of every citizen is beyond any question, as no one would afford to show slackness toward the country's interest or would be unwilling to cooperate in deporting illegal residents. All of us are, therefore, called upon to realize our responsibility, as it would be the minimum we can do to protect our own interests.

COMMENT

By Abdallah Omar Khayyat
Al Jadid

China experts agree to aid local projects

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 13 — The Republic of China has agreed to send a number of experts to the Kingdom to help in computer control, road building and postal services.

The agreement was reached during the recent meeting of the fifth session of the Sino-Saudi Joint Committee for Economic and Technical Cooperation held in Taipei earlier this month. The agreements covered cooperation in industry and electricity, trade, agriculture, science, technology, finance, shipping and communications.

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(CNA photo)
TAIWAN VISIT: Chinese Economics Minister Chang Kwang-shih (left-upper photo) accompanies Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khalil, the Kingdom's minister of Finance and National economy, during the conference. In center, Premier Sun Yun-Suan received Asaad Abdul Aziz Al-Zuhair, Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the Republic of China; in bottom picture, Sheikh Abu Al-Khalil presents an oil painting of Saudi Arabian landscape to premier Sun Yun-Suan.

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OIC examines Zionist violations

Islamic experts begin meetings

By Ahmed Shaaban

JEDDAH, Dec. 13 — Legal experts from four Islamic countries opened meetings at the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference here Saturday to draft recommendation for January's Third Islamic Summit.

The document deals with the ways and means of confronting Israel's violations of human rights and disregard of U.N. decisions.

The four countries taking part in the meeting are Bangladesh, Pakistan, Senegal and Tunisia. The Senegalese delegation is led by Medoune Fall, the country's ambassador to Japan and formerly the head of the U.N. Commission on the Exercise of the National Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

OIC Secretary General Habib Chatti said the meeting is being held to discuss one of the most important problems of the Palestinian problem, namely the daily atrocities perpetrated by the occupational power, Israel, on the unarmed civilian Arab population of Palestine.

In a message read on Chatti's behalf by OIC Assistant Secretary General Arshaduzzaman of Bangladesh, Chatti said it was the second extraordinary session of the Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference held in Amman in July 1980 that created the committee. It met for the first time in Tunis in August 1980. At that meeting, the attorney general of Senegal was entrusted to prepare a legal report on Zionist atrocities and violations.



Habib Chatti

The OIC secretary general pointed out that the U.N. General Assembly had established in December 1968 a "Special fact-finding commission on Israeli practices that violate human rights in the occupied territories." Because of persistent Israeli obstructionist methods, including the stealing of files from the archives, the committee could not fulfill its task.

He reminded the delegates that the terms of reference of their committee as set out by the foreign ministers resolution are to consider measures and procedures to confront at the political, economic, mass communications and international levels the racist, Zionist enemy's policies and criminal acts aimed at uprooting the Palestinian people from their homeland, and force them to migrate outside their native land that was occupied and robbed from them by terrorism, suppression and sheer force; to put an end to the establishment and expansion of Israeli settlements; to put an end to the import of Zionist immigrants who by settling in Palestine tend to Judaize it; and to confront the "fundamental law of the racist, Zionist in occupied Palestine."

Chatti recalled that the arson of Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem had prompted the creation of the OIC. And now Israel was trying to "swallow this holy city, thereby defying numerous international resolutions."

Youth hostel to open

DAMMAM, Dec. 13 (SPA) — Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jilwi will dedicate the youth hostel of the General Presidency of Youth Welfare situated on the Dammam-Alkhobar road, officials reported Saturday.

Muhammad Hamad Al-Sinani, director of the hostel, said the total cost of the hostel is SR195 million. It will accommodate 300 beds and provides various cultural and sports activities for the lodgers.

Sinani added that the youth hostel comprises four wings for administration, a club, sports installations and housing. The hostel will accommodate administration offices, housing for employees and referees, five rest halls, a movie theater and a stage.

The hostel also will have a library, display halls, lecture hall and sports halls. In addition, there will be a 300-square meter swimming pool and large restaurants equipped with modern kitchens.

Sinani said the hostel is organizing a session on the importance of civil defense for youth hostels. The session that starts January 23 and lasts until February 6 is restricted to hostel instructors. Twenty trainees will enroll in the session to be supervised by the Public Administration Institute in cooperation with the Training Department of the General Presidency of Youth Welfare.



TOUR : Prince Fahd meets reporters for a question and answer session at the end of his tour of Pakistan.

Law scholars hold meeting

MECCA, Dec. 13 (SPA) — The Jurisprudence Academy will hold its second session here between February 12 and 19, the secretary general of the World Muslim League announced Saturday.

Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan said that the session will discuss the issue of test tube children unification of the beginning of Ramadan and Eids, and other issues. The session will be dedicated to Sheikh Abdullah ibn Humaid, chairman of the higher judiciary council and the jurisprudence academy.

BRIEFS

Credentials presented
JEDDAH, Dec. 13 (SPA) — Yusuf Abdul Razak Muhammad, regional ambassador of Mauritius to the Kingdom, presented a copy of his credentials to the Foreign Ministry chief of protocol, Salem Sunbul, Saturday as an non-resident ambassador of his country. Ambassador Muhammad will later present his credentials to King Khaled.

Charity receives donations
HASA, Dec. 13 (SPA) — The Philanthropic Society of Hasa received more donations and subscriptions amounting to SR86,250, the society announced. Among the donors were Sheikh Ali Al Abdullah Al-Tamimi, and Sheikh Ahmad Hamad Al Ghusaini who donated SR30,000 each. Hasa Governor Prince Muhammad bin Fahd bin Jilwi, chairman of the society, thanked the donors.

Hotel opening scheduled
RIYADH, Dec. 13 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Salman Monday will dedicate Riyadha Marriott Hotel built by the Saudi Hotels and Tourist Areas Development Company as part of a large scheme that covers Saudi Arabia. Senior officials and leading businessmen have been invited to attend the opening.

Trucks offered
BEIRUT, Dec. 13 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has given Lebanon six ambulances and four garbage trucks. The gift was handed to Lebanese officials Friday by Saudi Charge d'Affaires Abu Bakr Rafie.

Volleyball match held
JEDDAH, Dec. 13 (SPA) — Al-Ittihad from Jeddah Friday beat Al-Hilal of Riyadh 3-0 in the first round of the volleyball major league at the Youth Welfare Organization's hall here. The match was attended by a large number of volleyball fans, a sport rapidly gaining popularity in the Kingdom.

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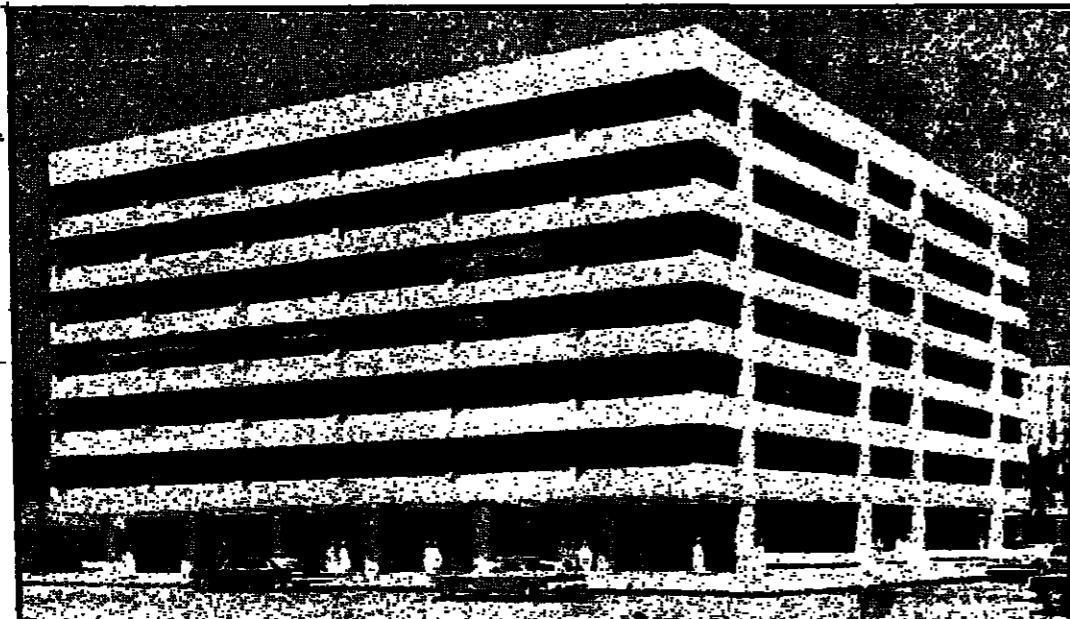
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Israeli settlement plan on W.Bank nearing end

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13 (LAT) — The Israeli plan to establish Jewish settlements on the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River is nearing an end. When the Israelis occupied the 2,000-square-mile area in 1967, the only people who lived there were Palestinians. The only Jewish settlements were the ruins of those the Arab forces had destroyed in the 1948 war.

By the time Menahem Begin took office as prime minister in 1977, there were 32 Israeli settlements on the West Bank, started under the Labor government that Begin defeated. Today there are 69 settlements, and four more in the planning stage.

Despite lawsuits, Palestinian attacks, condemnation abroad, opposition within Israel, bitter disputes over budget allocations and divisions within the Begin cabinet, the government has managed to put on the ground almost all the settlements planned for the West Bank. They stand where Begin's government planned them. Some are little more than wispy gatherings of prefabs with only a handful of families. But the initial phase is

over, and the next stage is under way. It is called "thickening," adding people.

"When the (Begin) government took office in 1977 there were 3,200 Jews in the West Bank settlements," said Matiyahu Shmuelovitz, director general of the prime minister's office. "Now there are 17,400. In the next year this could be raised to 28,000."

The long-range program of the Begin government calls for settling 100,000 Jews on the West Bank by 1984. But Begin's government, now trailing the opposition Labor Party by about 20 per cent in opinion polls, may not win the 1980 elections. The strategy has been to get as many settlements started as possible — changing forever the nature of the West Bank's population.

"It makes no difference, politically, whether a settlement consists of 30 families or 300," said Matiyahu Drobles, head of the Settlement Division of the Zionist Organization. "It is a question of budget, not politics. All resources must now be diverted to fortifying the existing settlements."

Stationing troops in Mideast under study, Reagan aide says

CAIRO, Dec. 13 (AP) — The administration of President-elect Ronald Reagan is studying the possibility of permanently stationing troops in the Middle East to ward off possible Soviet threats to the Gulf. It has been reported.

The disclosure came in remarks Reagan's foreign policy adviser, Richard Allen, was reported to have made in an interview with Cairo's *Al Ahram* newspaper. In his statements Allen also said the new administration would not seek confrontation with the Soviet Union, nor a return to the cold war period, but would strive to establish "minimum" international security which he claimed had "disintegrated" in the four

years."

His remarks coincided with a study by the Harvard University recommending the United States would have to triple its rate of acquiring emergency oil stockpiles and build up its military presence in the Middle East in order to cope better with oil supply distributions.

In the interview, conducted with the editor-in-chief of the newspaper, Allen was asked whether concern for the security of Middle East and Gulf would lead to the permanent stationing of U.S. troops in the area. "This matter is under study," he was quoted as saying.

France warns Libya against Chad meddling

PARIS, Dec. 13 (Agencies) — France warned Libya Saturday against further military intervention in the Chad civil war and said it was ready to support African moves to maintain Chad's unity and independence. A communiqué from the presidential palace did not refer to the Libyans by name but spoke of "a new deterioration of the situation in Chad due to the intervention of armed foreign elements."

Cooperation Minister Robert Galley spoke before the National Assembly on Thursday, however, of several thousand men under Libyan command. Officials in Paris also spoke of both regular Libyan forces in Chad and of Libyan-commanded "Islamic Legion" elements.

The warning seemed to raise the possibility of intervention by France in its former colony should it be requested, perhaps by countries near Chad, observers said.

The statement said France had respected the inter-African-sponsored peace agreements on Chad, signed in Lagos in 1979, and had pulled its troops out of Chad. The withdrawal took place in May, two months after the war between President Goukouni Weddeye and rebel Defense Minister Hissene Habre broke out.

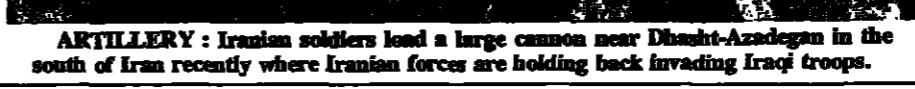
Now, however, "France is seriously worried by the new deterioration of the situation in this country (Chad) resulting in the intervention of armed foreign elements," the presidential statement said.

"France will support any collective effort by the African states to re-establish peace in Chad, preserve its unity and maintain its independence."

Meanwhile, Libya's Foreign Minister Ali Triki denied in an interview published by the London *Times* that Libyan soldiers were engaged in the Chad war. But Triki acknowledged that Libyan advisers and "Libyan legions" were helping Goukouni's forces fight those of Habre.



RIVER CROSSING: Iraqi soldiers cross a river recently in the northern sector of the battlefield with Iran, near Sardil Zahab, Iran.



ARTILLERY: Iranian soldiers load a large cannon near Dushan Azadegan in the south of Iran recently where Iranian forces are holding back invading Iraqi troops.

BRIEFS

LUSAKA, (R) — President Kenneth Kaunda has said Zambia would continue to support the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and expressed surprise at Israel's negative attitude toward the Palestinian cause, the official Zambia news agency (ZANA) reported. Kaunda was quoted as saying: "Jews are people who have suffered very much and this is why to us in Zambia it is very surprising to see the same people behaving exactly the same way towards other people." He was speaking at state house after receiving a PLO delegation led by Secretary-General Muhammad Nashashibi, which delivered a message from PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

ANKARA, (R) — A left-wing militant was executed in Ankara's central civilian prison early Saturday for shooting a soldier during a demonstration last February, it was announced. Erdal Ercan, a 19-year-old school graduate, is the fourth political extremist to be executed since the armed forces took power in Turkey on Sept. 12.

BEIRUT, (R) — Andrew Young, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said in an interview published Friday President-elect Ronald Reagan might build an American military base in Israel. He also told Beirut weekly magazine that once Reagan had assured Israel of its security, he would work toward bringing the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) into the Mideast peace process.

ISLAMABAD, (AP) — A six-member Chinese army delegation led by Gen. Han Hui-Zhi arrived in Pakistan Friday, the third high-ranking military delegation sent by Peking in the past five weeks.

South Africa, Israel boost economic ties

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13 (AP) — Israel and South Africa have announced a series of economic agreements and brushed aside international criticism of their growing relations.

In a news conference summing up a visit by South African Finance Minister Owen Horwood, plans were disclosed Friday for South African investment in Israeli research and development projects and for South African credits to Israel of 125 million rands (\$166 million).

Israel officials said South Africa has increased the quota of coal it will sell to Israel from one million to three million tons annually helping Israel to diversify its energy sources away from petroleum imports.

Israel also will be allowed to sell government bonds for the first time in South Africa up to a ceiling of 20 million rands (\$25 million).

U.N. calls deportation of Arab mayors illegal

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 13 (R) — The General Assembly has asked the Security Council to meet urgently to force Israel to rescind the banishment of two Palestinian mayors and a Muslim religious judge from the occupied West Bank. The resolution, adopted Thursday night, called the deportations illegal.

Only Israel and the United States voted against the motion, which also condemned what it called Israel's "policy of opening fire on defenseless students, causing many casualties."

The Hebron and Halhoul mayors Fahd Kawasmeh and Muhammad Milhem were expelled last May after a commando attack killed six Jewish settlers in Hebron. The deportations were condemned at the time by the Security Council.

Palestine office bomb defused in Washington

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON Dec. 13 — Police Thursday defused a bomb planted at the Palestine Information Office here by a self-styled Zionist terror group. The bomb did not explode and there were no casualties, police said.

A group calling itself "Hatikvah Leumi" claimed responsibility for the explosive device. But police said they had no suspects in the case as of noon Thursday.

The device was planted in a storeroom beneath the Palestine Information Office, a PLO-sponsored Bureau. It was apparently set to explode on Monday, but failed to go off.

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In Thailand border camps

U.N. argues over refugee children's fate

By John Burgess

BANGKOK (WP) — Kie, a Khmer boy born in 1967: "Separated from parents in 1975." Moem, another boy the same age: "last contact with his family during attack on his village." Wanna, born in 1966: "separated from family in 1978 to work as farmer."

These are three boys among 2,737 children whose dossiers are reproduced in white-covered books circulating in Cambodian refugee camps in Thailand. Each entry includes a photo and, if the child is old enough to give them, a name, a list of family members and a bit of personal history.

They are "unaccompanied minors," official parlance for refugee children who arrived in Thailand without parents. The books, far from being a directory for adoption agencies, are helping parents locate missing sons and daughters.

Ever since they began crossing into Thailand last year, part of an exodus that brought 150,000 Cambodians to U.N.-financed camps, the children have created controversy. This month it happened again — refugee workers discovered that about 140 children had vanished at night from children's centers in two camps near the Cambodian border.

In both Kampot and Meirud, agents of the ousted Khmer Rouge government run a shadow administration. The assumption is that the missing children were taken to Cambodia to rejoin relatives or serve the Khmer Rouge as soldiers, laborers or spies.

For many the return may have been voluntary.

tary. During the years the Khmer Rouge ruled Cambodia, about half the children now in the centers were inducted into mobile children's teams, formed to roam the countryside performing collective work and learning the tenets or revolutionary life. Blind loyalty to adults in charge was often imbued in the young team members.

A spokesman for the Thai military's supreme command, which has jurisdiction over the two camps, denied any knowledge of the minors' disappearance. But the local office of the U.N. High Commissioner for refugees, which oversees the feeding and protection of refugees, acknowledged it.

"The government has given assurances that measures will be taken to prevent any future moves of this kind," a spokesman for the U.N. commission said.

Since new security measures went into force Nov. 5, no further departures of minors have been reported, the spokesman stated.

The United Nations is also considering moving the children to camps further away from the border, according to the spokesman.

News of the disappearance of the 140 children enraged many refugee workers and brought to the fore — again — some familiar questions:

How long does it take to satisfactorily establish that a child's parents are dead? How long should a child be held in an insecure camp until he is cleared for resettlement in a third country?

Almost everyone working with refugee agencies here has strong opinions on the subject. Those who favor speedy resettlement

are vilified as "orphan hunters," quick to steal the sons and daughters of absent parents. Those favoring time-consuming efforts at tracing are called heartless bureaucrats who leave children to languish behind barbed wire.

For the present, the lengthy search approach prevails. The U.N. commission spokesman said the fate of the 140 children would not persuade it to abandon efforts to trace parents.

Last December the United Nations effectively froze resettlement of unaccompanied minors, after 300 were taken to France and West Germany. U.N. officials felt only superficial efforts had been made to locate parents.

Arranged against the United Nations are some Western embassies, foreign adoption agencies, church groups and a few individuals who fly in from abroad to try to get action on specific cases.

U.N. officials point to reunion statistics as proof their approach is justified. Of about 2,500 children originally classified as unaccompanied minors, 1,078 had been reunited by Nov. 15 with parents, siblings and in some cases aunts, uncles or grandparents, U.N. figures show.

"The data show that the majority have family," said Everett Ressler, Thailand's representative of Norway's Save The Children Foundation, which the United Nations commissioned to produce the tracing books.

Ressler said that of more than 2,000 children interviewed, only 37 per cent claimed that both parents were dead. The actual figure may be far lower, he argued, because many children had no direct word of their parents' fate. More than half the children simply said they had been separated.

Tracing is continuing. Social workers carry the books directly into refugee households and watch as adults peruse them. At other

camps, bulletin boards crowded with photos of the children are visited by searching parents.

U.N. officials report that some adults make special trips to the Thai frontier from the Cambodian interior to check for missing children. By the end of October, 42 cases of family reunion at the border had been recorded, 25 of them involving parents.

The United Nations' critics hold that tracing is necessary but that it is criminal to put open-ended delays on permanent solutions for those children with no realistic hopes of finding families, and who themselves want to go overseas.

Some critics, like Tim Bond, affiliated with the relief organization Terre Des Hommes, have questioned the U.N. practice of putting children in Khmer foster homes. In an interview, he argued that in view of Cambodia's poverty and the potential for continuing war, Khmer parents cannot guarantee a child's welfare, and preference should be sending confirmed orphans abroad.

Sentiments like these have led to concerted pressure from embassies in Bangkok to make the United Nations free children for resettlement. "It comes to a crisis state about every two months," said one diplomat whose embassy is frequently asked to intervene.

Partly to relieve this pressure, the United Nations this summer began quietly processing small numbers for resettlement. Close to 40 have gone, most of them aged 4 or less, too young to give information to help in tracing and, in many cases, to be recognized by family members.

Tracing interviews found that during the four years the Khmer Rouge ruled Cambodia, about half the children were taken from their families and put into children's mobile teams. These special work and political study units were intended to mold future generations of dedicated revolutionaries.

Teams were abandoned by their Khmer Rouge overseers when Vietnamese forces seized the country in 1979. Fending for themselves, the children wandered from village to village before crossing into Thailand — many had long since come to think of their parents as dead.

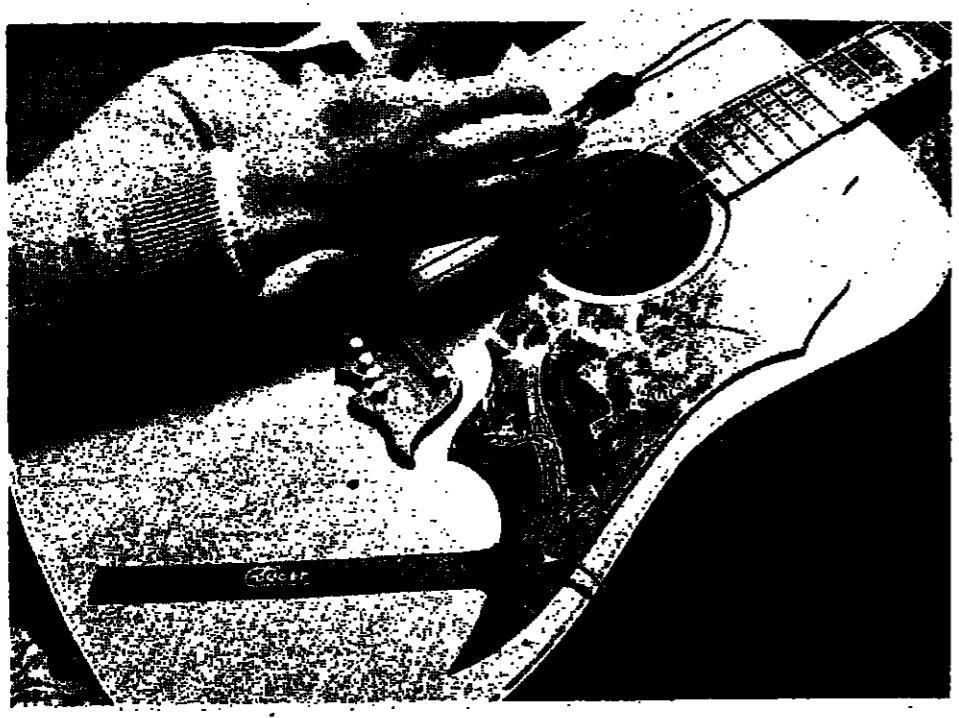
Although some children remain loyal to the Khmer Rouge, most seek the peace and contentment that they, like everyone else in the camps, hear exists in the United States and Europe.



CAMBODIANS: children wait for news of their parents

One boy scheduled to go to West Germany last year from Meirud Camp was dismayed to learn his mother arrived just before departure time. Removed from the lists, he refused to live with her in the camp and returned to his place in the children's center.

Corruption and parental deceit create further problems. Countries that take minors sometimes agree to accept members of the same family who show up at a later date. Thus some families put children in the centers with the plan that the child will go abroad and then request that his or her "newly discovered" loved ones follow.



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LONDON — A tiny strip of adhesive tape — seen here on the base of a guitar — could soon replace the conventional microphone for reproducing acoustic sound both in the recording studio and on stage.

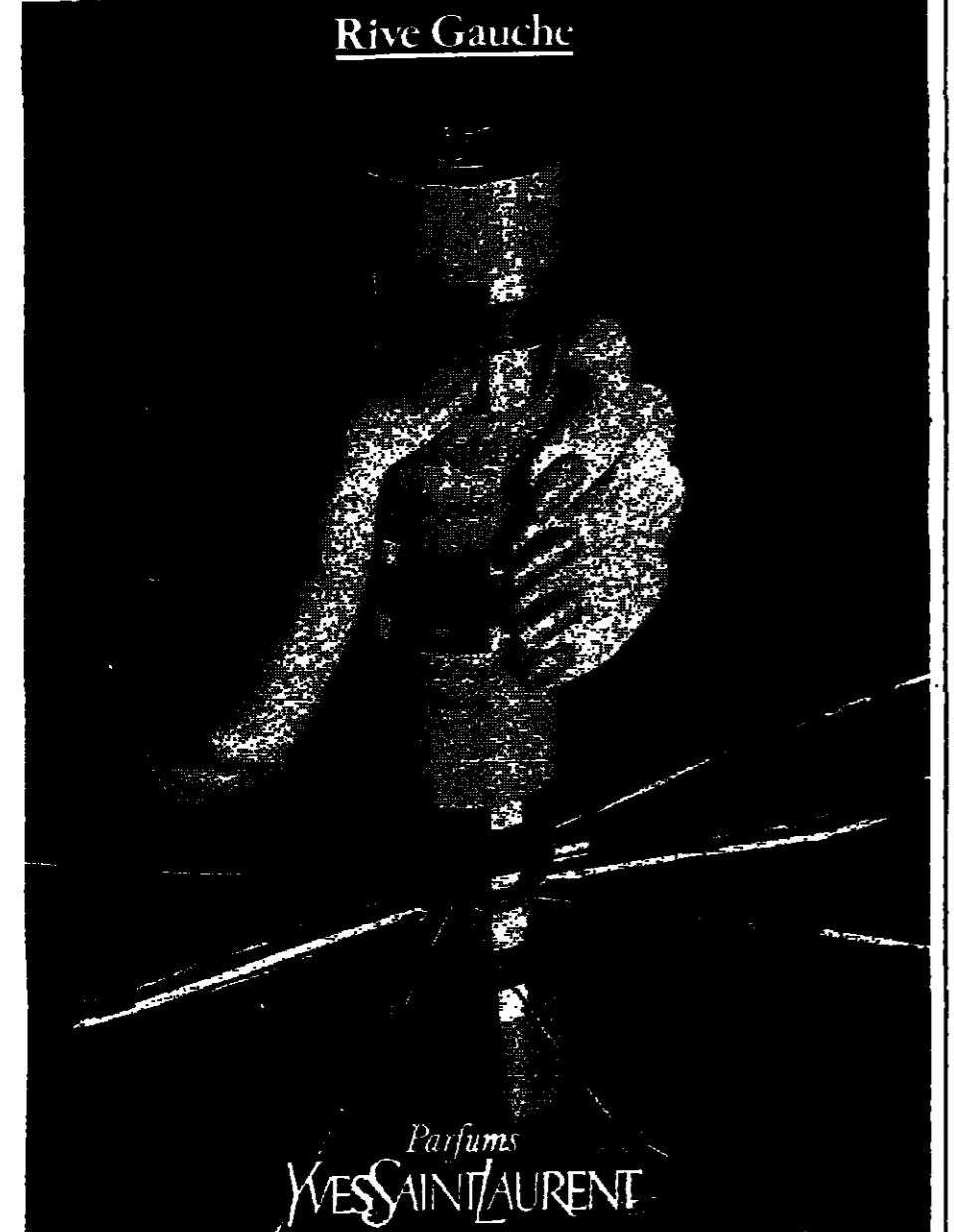
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The tape, which is only 0.9 mm thick, can be supplied in any length. In addition to its use in the music industry the company envisages other fields where the C-Ducer could be a cheaper and equally effective alternative. For example it still retains its sensitivity when immersed in water and could be used as an alternative in some types of hydrophone design. Security and property protection is another area in which it shows great promise.

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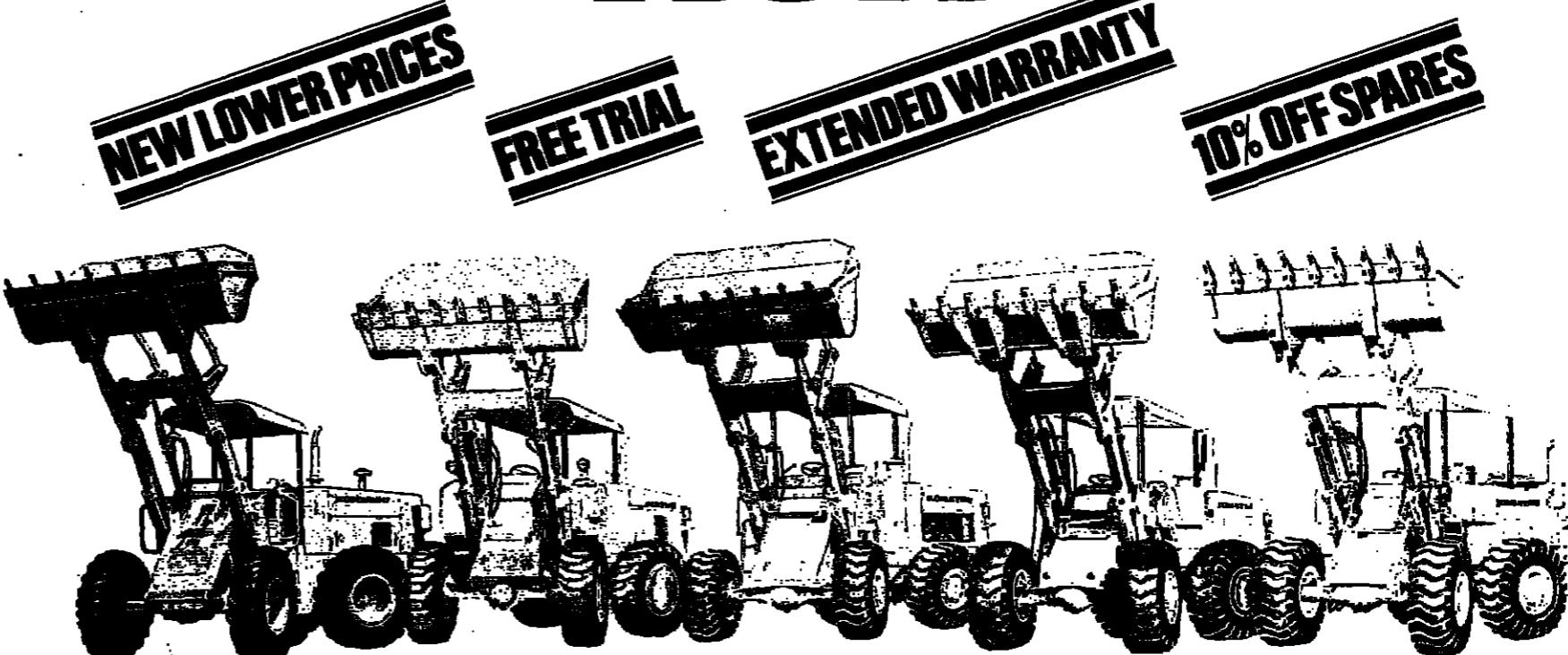


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Mugabe takes radical stand on farms

By Andrew Buckoke

SALISBURY —

Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's announcement that some white-owned farms in Zimbabwe would be taken over without compensation looks like a reversion to his previous radicalization.

The African population's growing demand for land was probably the most important cause of the war. Now this major black aspiration must be accommodated without driving away the country's economically crucial white commercial farmers.

Mugabe was not in fact referring to the land of producing farmers, but to farms abandoned or unused by their white owners. There is a strong

feeling that such people do not deserve compensation but there are more important reasons why the government is proposing to take this course.

Eventually China withdrew its forces from Vietnam and Yan's soldiers returned home. The Vietnamese promptly recaptured Gao Bao Ling Mountain. Was it worth it? Yan has no doubt. "We taught them a lesson. We don't want an inch of their territory. But the enemy used to boast it was the third strongest military power on earth. They have excellent fortifications and advanced weapons, but they ran away from us."

Like the diplomat, Yan is prepared to resume hostilities. Bilateral negotiations have broken down again, and a mere charge d'affaires now heads the tiny Chinese embassy in Hanoi. (OFNS)

The problem is that many more than those 18,000 families are in need of land, and the population is growing by nearly 4 per cent a year.

Both the government and the commercial Farmers' Union, which represents the white farmers agree that there are at least 4.4 million hectare available for such use without disrupting commercial farmers' production. But without more aid the country does not have the funds to buy and more importantly, to develop such an area. The government would rather spend what it does have on development alone.

The other important point is that many of the white owners borrowed large sums from the government's Agricultural Finance Corporation to run their farms. The Smith regime made such loans easier in order to keep white farmers, but as the war escalated many fled, owing the government more than the value of the farms.

Under these circumstances the absence of compensation takes on an entirely different complexion. The resettlement program has so far been concentrated on vacant or underused land, mainly in the east and southeast, where it is abundant. To date more than 130,000 hectares have been purchased with the consent of the owners for a total cost of \$3 million to settle about 2,000 families.

FIRM DETERMINATION

President-elect Reagan appeared not to want to occupy himself more than is absolutely necessary with the Middle East problem — so he adopts the Camp David approach until such time as he can agree with the Israelis and Egyptians on a new formula.

America's former ambassador to Cairo, Herman Elits, one of the major parties to the contacts which led to the Camp David agreements, has called for a change in America's approach. He would like to see Washington sitting with the Palestine Liberation Organization to talk over the Palestinian demand for an independent state. Elits sees no danger to Israel's security from such a state.

Meanwhile in the West Bank, demonstrations continue against the expulsion, for a second time, of the mayors of Halhoul and Hebron, Muhammad Milhem and Fahd Kawasmeh, who are now in Beirut. The Palestinians on the West Bank have nothing with which to face the enemy's repression except their faith in the justice of their cause, and its ultimate triumph.

For their part, Kawasmeh and Milhem are to raise their case to the United Nations. They want to know what legality can there be to the decision to expel them from their own homeland, their own families, and what kind of "international law" it is that the enemy invoked to justify this.

Whatever direction the thought of Reagan might take on the question of the Middle East, and however the Egyptians or the Israelis might react to it, and whatever any American ambassador might think of it all, the fact remains that nothing will diminish the determination of the people of Palestine to achieve their full rights.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Most newspapers Saturday led with Pakistan's praise and appreciation for Crown Prince Fahd's bold stance on Islamic issues and solidarity. They highlighted Pakistani leaders' commendation of the outcome of the crown prince's current visit to Pakistan. *Al Jadid* gave lead prominence to Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan's reaffirmation that there is no dealing between Saudi Arabia and the Soviet Union and no Soviet arms are being sent to Iraq through the Kingdom's territory. *Al Medina* said in a lead story that OPEC countries are trying to bring about an "oil" compromise between Iraq and Iran.

Newspapers frontpaged Pakistani newspapers' comment on the outcome of the crown prince's visit to that country and further highlighted the United Arab Emirates' urging of Iran to enter into negotiations on the return of the three occupied Arab islands in the Gulf. Newspapers also highlighted the U.N. General Assembly's approval of five resolutions denouncing Israel and declaring its measures in the occupied lands void. In a front-page story, *Olaya* said secret consultations are going on between the U.S. and Israel to ensure American support for the Judaization of the Golani Heights. The international opposition to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's proposal on Gulf security figured prominently in *Al Yam* newspaper.

Newspaper editorials dealt with a number of Arab and world issues. They deplored the Soviet President's proposals on the security of the Gulf

and his call to the U.S. and its allies to undertake not to establish any military bases or position nuclear arms in the region. Some editorials commented on the Arab-Israeli conflict and said the present situation requires the United Nations to change its method of dealing with the Palestine problem. Crown Prince Fahd's visit to Pakistan also formed a topic of discussion in the newspapers, which reiterated that his talks with the Pakistani President have ended in complete success.

In an editorial on Brezhnev's proposal on Gulf security, *Al Jadid* noted that it is the Soviets who have occupied Afghanistan and are less than 500 kilometers from the Gulf. The paper added that the Soviets introduced nuclear weapons to Red Sea waters through Bab Al-Mandab and thus posed a threat to the whole region including the Horn of Africa. It recalled that it was the Soviets who had invaded Hungary in 1956 and Czechoslovakia in 1968. They had also threatened Romania and are now menacing to Poland, the paper said.

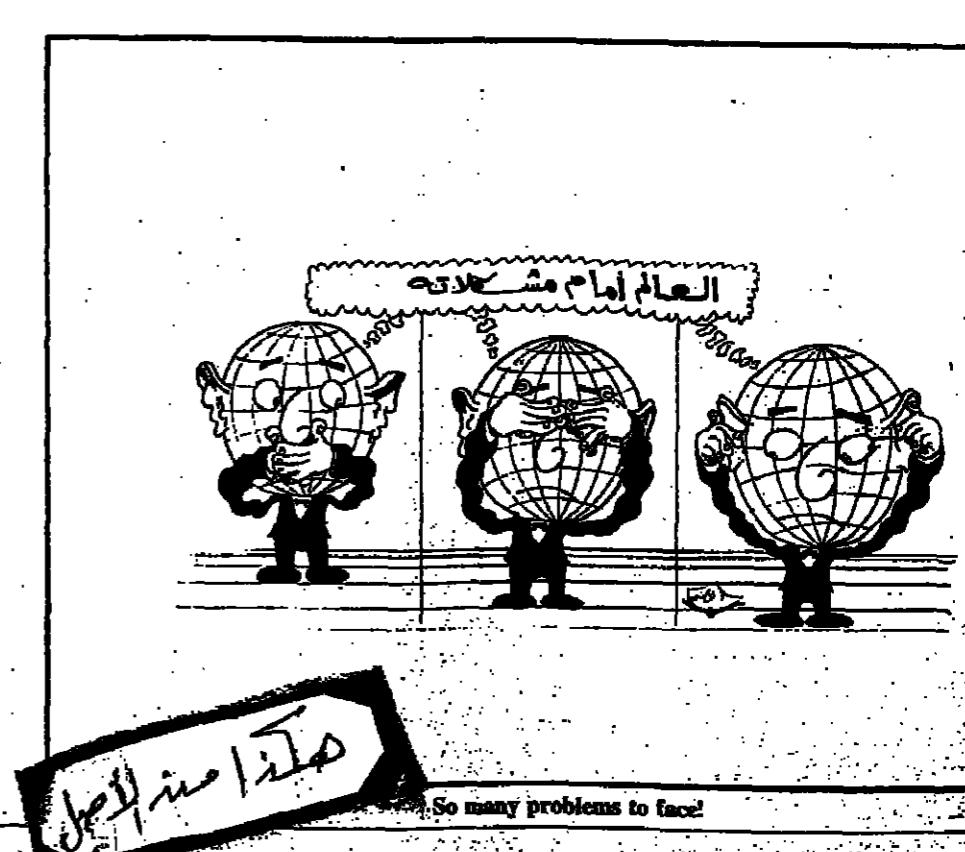
On the same subject *Al Yam* reaffirmed that world society was no longer in a mood to accept the trusteeship of major powers, nor is it influenced by the echoing statement of the superpowers. It called upon the Arab and Islamic world to play a leading role in emphasizing the power of Islam to play to those who prefer to remain blind to the realities.

Discussing the U.N. attitude toward the Palestine problem, *Olaya* stressed that it was time to create a shift in the world body's approach to this issue. It

said the U.N. must adopt a new course and discard the Zionist machinations in the region. The paper made it clear that the ongoing discussion at the U.N. will not be able to achieve the desired goals unless it proves its capability by shortening the process and adopting stringent measures against the Tel Aviv rulers.

Dealing with the crown prince's visit to Pakistan, *Al Nadwa* noted that the visit was a step forward on the road to Islamic solidarity. It said the visit has made it clear that the Islamic nation must remain as one entity, and all challenges must be confronted by the nation's leadership together. The paper added that the visit has reaffirmed that the entire Islamic world would stand as one man against all challenges and reiterated that supporting Pakistan is like supporting one's own self.

Al Nadwa and *Al Medina* commented on the same subject, saying the crown prince's visit has characteristically put Islamic thinking into practice and has applied a new spur to Islamic sentiments desiring an effective solidarity. They reiterated that both Saudi Arabia and Pakistan have persistently endeavored to consolidate bilateral relations and to achieve cooperation among the states of the Islamic world. The meeting between Prince Fahd and President Zia-ul-Haq has added a new brick to the edifice of bilateral ties and has coordinated their efforts in the service of Islamic issues, mainly the issues of Jerusalem, Palestine and Afghanistan, the papers said.



Obote declared winner in tense Uganda poll

KAMPALA, Dec. 13 (Agencies) — Milton Obote's political party, the Uganda People's Congress, has won the parliamentary elections in Uganda. It was officially announced Saturday. Obote is thus assured of becoming president again, nearly 10 years after he was overthrown by Idi Amin.

With 23 results still awaited in the bitterly-contested election, his Uganda People's Congress (UPC) had captured 60 parliamentary seats against 42 for the Democratic Party (DP) and one for the Uganda Patriotic Movement (UPM). Commonwealth observers reported. The election, the nation's first in 18 years following the rule of fallen dictator Amin, who ousted Obote from the presidency in 1971, is for a 126-seat parliament with the majority party nominating the president.

UPC sources said Obote would be sworn in as president as soon as official results showed his party had won in 64 parliamentary constituencies. Behind the parliament buildings a military band already was practicing the

national anthem in preparation for this ceremony. Obote becomes the first African leader to be returned to power through the ballot box after being ousted in a coup.

The citizens of Kampala came out rather gingerly into the streets after a night of shooting which began shortly after dusk and continued sporadically until dawn. The morning brought little evidence of pitched battles or casualties.

Diplomats said they concluded the heavy machinegun and rocket fire must have been a show of strength by the army to deter Kampala residents, who voted overwhelmingly for DP candidates, from demonstrating against the UPC victory in the balloting last Wednesday and Thursday.

Lengthy gun-battles shook the center of Kampala Friday when vote counting began to indicate a victory for Obote. The sound of machinegun and rifle reverberated across the city center, punctuated by anti-tank rocket fire.



Milton Obote

Suspect Chapman idolized, imitated John Lennon

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP) — Mark David Chapman was a haunting reflection of the rock musician he idolized, emulated — and is accused of killing.

His interest in John Lennon began long before police found him reading a book a few meters from where Lennon lay mortally wounded by shots from a .38-caliber revolver. Chapman had been using John Lennon's name as his own, playing Beatles music loud enough to wake his Honolulu neighbors and otherwise acting out the life of a man he'd never met. On Monday, moments before the slaying, he got Lennon's autograph.

Shortly before midnight, when Lennon returned, Chapman allegedly stepped from the shadows, crouched, put both hands on the gun and emptied it into Lennon.

"I didn't have anything against him," Chapman told arresting officers. "I don't know why I did it."

Another obscure young American with a gun, a man for whom the pieces didn't fit. Whatever his motive, and authorities are at a loss to find one, Mark David Chapman catapulted his own name permanently into the spotlight with the man friends say he admired.

"It's an old role, a police detective said. "You become as famous as the guy you kill. This kind of killing brings names closer together than marriage."

Now the 25-year-old Chapman, who



Mark David Chapman as he appeared in a 1973 high school yearbook photo.

underwent psychiatric tests at Bellevue Hospital in New York, is spending nights in a suicide-proof cell at Rikers Island Prison and receiving death threats which police have intercepted.

His first court-appointed attorney asked to be replaced, saying later he feared for his life. A second attorney was appointed. Chapman was expected to plead innocent by reason of insanity to the second-degree murder charge.

Chapman, like Lennon, was a gentle peace-loving man, according to most of his friends. "He wouldn't hurt a fly," said Tony Adams, Chapman's boss at the Georgia YMCA.

While working as a \$4 an-hour security guard for a Hawaii condominium, Chapman taped Lennon's name over his own on his uniform nameplate. He wore — and still wears — wire-rimmed glass, like Lennon

— Clues as to the intensity of the argument are learned from delegates' comments in the conference corridors after the sessions. If the debate was not too controversial, Western delegates refer to a "good working climate."

Peking lodges protest

PEKING, Dec. 13 (R) — Communist China formally protested to Vietnam Saturday over more than 200 incidents which it said Hanoi had provoked along their common border in the past two months, the official New China News Agency said.

At least six Chinese were killed and 50 wounded in the incidents. A protest note handed to the Vietnamese Embassy "solemnly demanded" that the Vietnamese cease armed intrusions.



FRIGID CHESS: Chess enthusiasts in Munich, West Germany, spend a winter afternoon playing with king-size pieces in a neighborhood park. Games often attract knots of passersby.

Zimbabwe chicken project Banana tends executive flock

SALISBURY, Dec. 13 (AFP) — State House, the official residence of Zimbabwean President Canaan Banana, took on a new look Saturday with the arrival of a batch of 2,000 chickens.

Their arrival marked the official launching of the Mashandira Panwe (Working Together) Poultry Cooperative in the 40-acre grounds of the colonial-style mansion.

Dressed in green overalls, gumboots and a bush hat, the president formally launched the venture by carrying one of the six-month-old birds into the chicken run he helped build over the past six weeks.

The cooperative is a joint venture involving all the State House staff, who will share 20 per cent of the profits. The other 80 per cent will be used to extend the cooperative and already new chicken runs are being built.

Banana said the aim of the cooperative was to "transform the colonial-style and exclusive paradise of the elite into a people-centered home and production center. As its name denotes, the Mashandira Panwe project eschews the outmoded ideas of individualism and the selfishness. Its central theme is unity in work regardless of social status," he said.

Banana said he hoped the "modest project" would help in encouraging all Zimbabweans to develop a strong sense of responsibility towards work so that the country could become self-reliant and self-sufficient.

"Rather than indulge in futile and divisive activities all our people should work to par-

ticipate in the productive process," he said.

Banana said another batch of 500 day-old chicks would arrive next month. The cooperative planned to produce more than 2,000 chickens.

The president's wife, —Mrs. Janet Banana, has also launched her own self-help scheme by using several acres of State House grounds for a vegetable-growing cooperative.

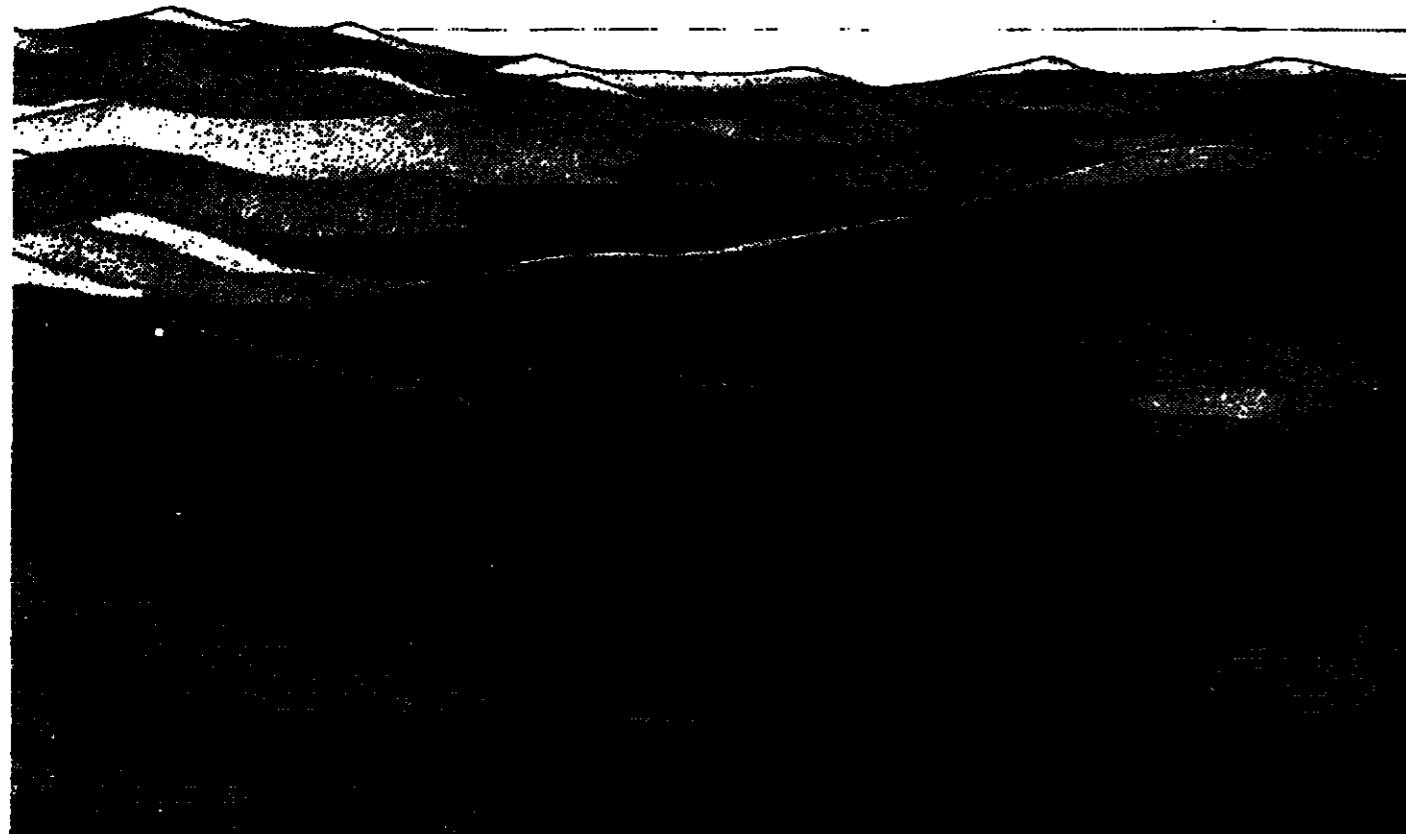
U.S. to continue bar on Salvador assistance

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP) — The U.S. State Department has said it will continue to withhold assistance to El Salvador pending progress toward a significant governmental restructuring that would ensure greater protection of human rights.

The announcement by department spokesman Jack Cannon came one week after the Carter administration, responding to the murder of three American nuns and a Catholic lay worker in El Salvador, suspended \$25 million in economic and military aid to the country.

The suspension was imposed amid reports that Salvadoran security forces may have been involved in the Dec. 2 killings. Subsequently, President Jimmy Carter dispatched a fact-finding mission to El Salvador headed by former Undersecretary of State William Rogers.

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Workers show resentment

Class divides Soviets' views on Poland

MOSCOW, Dec. 13 (LAT) — "Molodti, ti Polaki," said the middle-age Muscovite, retired professional man who by no means thinks of himself as a dissident. "Good fellows, these Poles."

It was a quick, candid remark, meant to convey a certain admiration for millions of Polish workers who have begun to stand up for themselves and demand from their socialist state a higher standard of living and a greater voice in their own destiny.

Such sentiments are expressed discreetly and guardedly in the Soviet Union, where — if the world filters along to the wrong workers' neighbor or acquaintance — the consequence can be an invitation for a chat

and a warning from the KGB security police.

Despite the risks, after five months of turmoil in Poland that has touched every level of society, and severely shaken the ruling Communist Party there, sympathetic vibrations can occasionally be heard from ordinary Russians.

"Really exciting things are going on in Poland," said one young intellectual who has friends in Warsaw. "They have gotten a little more freedom for themselves."

Those sentiments and similar expressions of empathy for Poles appear to be largely confined, however, to the better-educated elite in Moscow and a few other large cities, where at least some of the Soviet Union's

relatively privileged people keep quasi-liberal values tucked away in the closet.

Just what the great mass of blue-collar, industrial and farm workers — especially those out in the distant provinces — think about Poland or any other subject is one of the Soviet Union's leading mysteries.

There are indications, however, that among the common people events in Poland tend more often to arouse resentment toward the upstart Poles than sympathy for their complaints. That resentment is deeply rooted in centuries of mutual ethnic antagonism, and is reinforced by fears that Soviet aid to Poland will worsen food shortages that are already serious across much of the Soviet Union.

Some Westerners who have traveled recently in the Ukraine and Byelorussia, two Soviet republics bordering Poland, report a rising incidence of ethnic slurs about "shiftless, lazy Poles."

One young Muscovite expressed similar disdain with bitter irony: "I don't really like Poles, but I admire them," he said. "They are so brave. They die beautifully."

Some diplomatic observers believe that such attitudes may be officially encouraged in areas near the Polish border as an antidote to sympathy. Millions of Russians listen to news from the Voice of America, the BBC from London and to West German shortwave broadcasts. Despite intensive jamming by special stations in every city that started up as the Polish crisis developed, substantial segments of those foreign broadcasts penetrate from time to time, especially in the Baltic areas of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

But even when Soviet citizens do pick up news from the outside they often treat it with much the same skepticism as they apply to their own rigidly controlled newspapers, radio and television — whose stated purpose is not so much to inform and entertain as it is to shape public attitudes in the interests of the state.

"Of course," a woman who occasionally listens to foreign broadcasts said in a tone of absolute certainty recently, "your Voice of America slants the news just as Radio Moscow does."

In the last few months Soviet newspapers have come a long way toward reflecting the level of tension in Poland while not actually reporting events in objective terms. Ordinary Russians, who sometimes say that they learn more from "reading the white space" of their

newspapers — between the lines — than the print itself, glean enough to know that serious trouble is brewing on the western border.

Soviet news media have long since acknowledged that strikes occurred but have never reported the scale of unrest, the concessions Warsaw has made to its workers, or the origin and legal status of new and independent trade unions. Meanwhile, the Soviet press has started calling the old, discredited government-controlled Polish unions "self-governing."

All this is presented in the context of allegations that such subversive Western forces as the American AFL-CIO are taking advantage of economic mistakes made by the former regime of Edward Gierek, and are supporting opponents of Socialism Poland to the distress of ordinary, patriotic Poles.

Recently the Soviet news agency Tass reported from Warsaw that some sections of solidarity, the largest of the new unions, are preparing cover for "counter-revolutionary groups" who allegedly seek "open confrontation" with the Communist Party.

If the news that ordinary Russians read and hear is short on hard information, it is long on familiar catch phrases that signal big trouble. The Soviet media have reported nothing about the military preparations that western nations fear may presage an invasion of Poland.

But recurring references to "counter-revolution" and "profound anxiety" over the Polish situation, not to mention the possibility of "grave consequences," spells to many Russians an impending repetition of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia 12 years ago.

"Most people are just very nervous, very worried about this," a middle-age woman said. Her remark is a common one from Russians who are acutely aware that World War II began in Poland, and ended with 20 million of their countrymen dead.

Many ordinary Russians also seem worried that continued turmoil and food shortages in Poland will mean more aid for Poland and less food for themselves.

Meat, butter, milk and even such staples as potatoes and cabbage are in short supply across the Soviet Union. Rationing of meat and dairy products has been instituted in scattered cities.

Western agricultural experts blame the shortages on bad weather and chronically incompetent management of the Soviet food system, from farms to retail stores.



(AP photo)
SKYLADDER: U.S. Army air cavalry troops practice climbing special ladders to reach a Chinook workhorse helicopter. The maneuver is designed to get soldiers into places where helicopters can't land.

22 cm Karsi may be smallest human

JAKARTA, Dec. 13 (AP) — The mass-circulation daily *Kompas* said Friday one of its reporters met an eight-year-old girl who may be the smallest human in the world. The daily said the girl, named Karsi, is only 55 centimeters tall and lives in a west Java village near the town of Serang.

Although her body is small, the report said, Karsi is physically perfect, mentally sound and her intelligence is like that of other children of her age.

According to the *Guinness Book of Records* the smallest female human was Dutch midget named Pauline Musters "Princess Pauline" who was born at Ossendrecht on Feb. 26, 1876. She was 30 cm tall at birth, 55 cm at the age of 9, and 61 when she died in 1895 at the age of 19. *Kompas* said the latest female midget at the age of 9 may not grow as tall as Pauline.

Karsi's parents interviewed by *Kompas* said she was born normally except that she measured about 22 cm. It said there is nothing unusual in her behavior and she talks with other children and plays with them but is always of her size.

Karsi has two younger sisters, 3 years and 10 months, and both are of normal height, *Kompas* said.

Repairs planned

Quake damage shuts Pompeii

ROME Dec. 13 (Guardian) — Pompeii — the site of one of the Italian south's earlier natural disasters when Vesuvius erupted in 79 A.D. — will remain closed until at least the spring because of damage caused by the recent earthquake and the heavy rainfall since. Naples besieged by a host of other problems, can expect to see its winter tourism decline.



RUINS: Newsmen inspect the ruins of Pompeii after the recent series of earthquakes in southern Italy damaged some of its historic structures. Pompeii, buried by the volcano Vesuvius in 79 B.C., has been closed to tourists.

Explaining the closure announced last week, Professor Stefano de Caro told the Naples newspaper *Il Mattino* that the storms of the preceding few days had been the real disaster. The fissures caused by the earthquake itself had formed reservoirs to trap the rain.

"It was then that the first subsidence occurred. Some columns which seemed very solid are now collapsing. The aftershocks of the earthquake completed their destructive process," he said.

Dozens of buildings have been damaged. Among the worst affected are the colonnades of the forum, a large number of buildings near the forum, the facades of one of the main streets, and the Stabian baths — the oldest in Pompeii which were being rebuilt at the time of the lava flow.

The situation was serious, De Caro said. "We would like to avoid closure but the physical safety of visitors was clearly of central importance." He could not say precisely when the excavations would be reopened to the public because that would depend on the timetable for repair and restoration. "But unfortunately I don't believe that one can talk of reopening before the spring."

The excavations were closed immediately after the earthquake but reopened for almost a week before the decision to close indefinitely. No figure has yet been set for the cost of repair and restoration but archeologists expect it will be very high. The professor thought the money would be raised. "It would be absurd for part of our archeological heritage to be destroyed on grounds of expenditure."

Legal hurdles face departing Viets

HO CHI MINH CITY, Dec. 13 (AFP) — Every month at least 2,500 people go to this city's emigration office to ask for an exit visa, which is only the first step towards legally leaving Vietnam.

There is always a crowd outside the three-story building at 161 Nguyen Dzu, in a formerly residential street not far from the center of what was Saigon. People wait on the pavement for hours to enter, or just simply for some "news."

The service was begun in 1978, according to its director, Nguyen Van Nam. Since that time it has, he said, issued 22,611 exit visas. But only 5,000 people have actually been able to leave Vietnam. The ones left behind, he said, weren't lucky enough to find a country prepared to accept them.

Figures for the number of residents who have left are vague. According to information gathered from various Western sources, the total number to have left Vietnam legally this year is 3,000. The number who have left illegally, mainly by sea, is said to be ten times that.

The Vietnamese authorities, according to these sources, do not appear to be absolutely opposed to those who, five years after the end of the war, see no place for themselves in the new society.

According to Nam, the process for obtaining an exit visa is, for a Vietnamese, the same as any other administrative formality. But for many Vietnamese contacted privately, this was not the case.

The very act of asking for an exit visa — without the certainty of being granted it — entails immediate consequences such as loss of one's work. The process is also expensive. At each administrative level one must pay to ensure one's personal file is passed on to the

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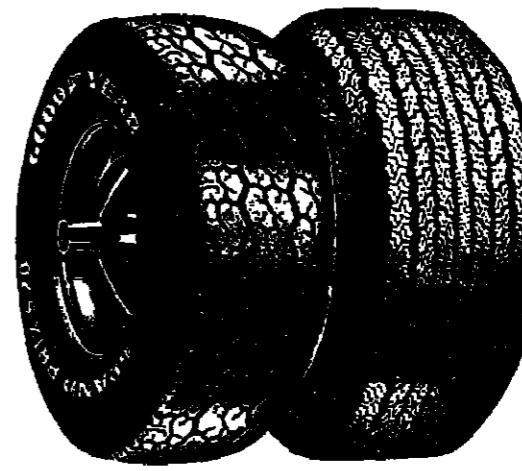
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EEC to sell Poland food at low prices

BRUSSELS, Dec. 13 (R) — The European Common Market commission has offered to sell Poland large quantities of food at prices below world market rates. EEC commission sources said Saturday. The offer follows discussions between commission officials and a Polish Trade Ministry delegation on Polish request for supplies to help combat food shortages after a bad harvest earlier this year.

The price reductions would cost the community up to \$5 million, depending on the amount of rebate given, commission sources said. The EEC is expected to offer Poland prices 10 per cent below world market rate. Details of how the food sales will be made, from EEC surplus stocks where these exist or through the market in other cases, will be decided next week, commission sources said.

French capital to participate in African bank

PARIS, Dec. 13 (AFP) — The National Assembly here has voted to have France join the African Development Bank, which decided in 1979 to solicit non-African capital. France, which has privileged relations with many African states, owes it to itself to participate, alongside its principal industrialized partners, in strengthening "the bank". Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Olivier Stirn told the assembly Friday.

He said that France would put in \$201.6 million, becoming the fourth-largest contributor of capital among the 21 non-African states that hold a total of one-third of the bank's capital. With the non-African injection, the bank's capital is increasing to \$630 million.

Emmanuel Hanel, a deputy from the governing coalition, said France's participation had a "symbolic value" because the amount of money involved was relatively small. Communists in the assembly abstained from voting.

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British corporation plans to lay off 20,000 employees

LONDON, Dec. 13 (AP) — The government-owned British Steel Corporation has unveiled a plan to increase its international competitiveness by slimming 20,000 jobs from the workforce of 132,000, closing one major plant and streamlining eight others. BSC Chairman Ian MacGregor told a news conference Friday that the ailing corporation, badly mauled by a strike last year lost \$677 million in the six months from April through September and that he expected the next six months to be "even bleaker."

The plan has to go to the conservative government and the unions for discussion. The job reduction over the next 12 months would be through early retirements and not re-hiring, he said. The most important part of the plan was the number of jobs salvaged — the alternative was that thousands of workers would have no future, he said.

The corporation wants to reduce steel-making capacity from 15 million tons to 14.4 million. But it also planned to regain the 54 per cent of the domestic market it had before the strike by aggressive marketing and pricing. MacGregor said all sections would be set targets which would be monitored monthly and "those getting way off target will quickly be eligible for elimination."

Both men dismissed the possibility of a Soviet intervention in Poland.

East Germany forecasts 5% growth for next year

EAST BERLIN, Dec. 13 (R) — East Germany, which has the fastest growing economy in the Soviet Bloc, has announced a target of five per cent growth for next year.

State planning commission chief Gerhard Schuerer told the Communist Party Central Committee the Gross National Product (GNP) was planned to grow by five per cent in 1981, the official ADN News Agency reported.

East Germany was set to fulfil targets of 4.8 per cent for GNP and 5.1 per cent for industrial production this year, Politburo

economic expert Guenter Mittag said Friday night.

Real earnings are expected to rise by four per cent next year, the same as this year, Schuerer said. The growth plans come at a time when the Soviet Union has lowered its economic sights for the next five years because of rising energy costs and stagnating production.

ADN said the central committee approved the 1981 plan and a government budget for next year which will be put to the country's rubber-stamp parliament next Wednesday.

BRIEFS

MUSCAT, (R) — Oman exported 8.5 million barrels of crude oil last month, the same amount as in October, the main oil company Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) said Saturday. The country's oil production last month totalled 8.6 million barrels at a daily average of 287,000 barrels, slightly higher than the daily average of 275,000 barrels in October.

ROME, (AFP) — The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) has granted South Yemen a loan of \$9.800.000 to increase food production in four of that country's underprivileged regions. The agreements were signed here by the Yemeni Minister of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform, Mohamed Suleiman Nasser, and the chairman of IFAD, Abdel Muhsin Sokagy Friday.

BAGHDAD (AFP) — Three new railway lines are to be built shortly in North East Iraq linking the region with Europe, the Iraqi INA News Agency reported Friday.

Foreign Exchange Rates Quoted at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday				
	SAMA	Cash	Transfer	
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.50	8.85	
Belgian Franc (1,000)	105.00	—	—	
Canadian Dollar	2.78	—	—	
Deutsche Mark (100)	169.00	172.00	168.00	
Dutch Guilder (100)	156.00	—	155.50	
Egyptian Pound	—	4.40	4.45	
Emirati Dirham (100)	—	89.00	90.80	
French Franc (100)	73.00	74.00	72.95	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	75.00	—	
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	42.20	
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—	
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.50	—	
Italian Lira (10,000)	36.00	36.60	36.00	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.00	—	16.10	
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.03	10.80	
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.20	
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	91.75	89.75	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	83.00	81.70	
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.70	
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.50	
Pound Sterling	7.78	7.83	7.79	
Qatari Rial (100)	—	91.00	91.50	
Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.58	
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	44.50	45.75	
Swiss Franc (100)	187.00	192.00	185.90	
Syrian Lira (100)	—	77.00	85.50	
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	44.00	—	
U.S. Dollar	3.32	3.33	3.325	
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	73.00	72.90	
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Weekly Wall Street

Optimism, prosperity mood shaken; recession ahead

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP) — The mood of optimism and prosperity that had been building on Wall Street for most of 1980 has been severely shaken in the past few weeks. Stock, bond and commodity prices all have nosedived since late November as interest rates continued their relentless climb, and fears spread of a return to recession.

The Dow Jones industrial average, fluctuating 1,000 only three weeks ago, is suddenly back near 900. The past week actually started out on a cheery note for the financial community, with the release of a survey by the New York Stock Exchange showing a sharp revival of small investors' interest in stocks.

The exchange reported that 29.8 million Americans owned stock or stock mutual fund shares as of last summer, up 18 per cent from 1975. That reversed a sharp decline over the previous five years. But any celebrations of that news were quickly cut short by fast-breaking developments in the economy and the markets.

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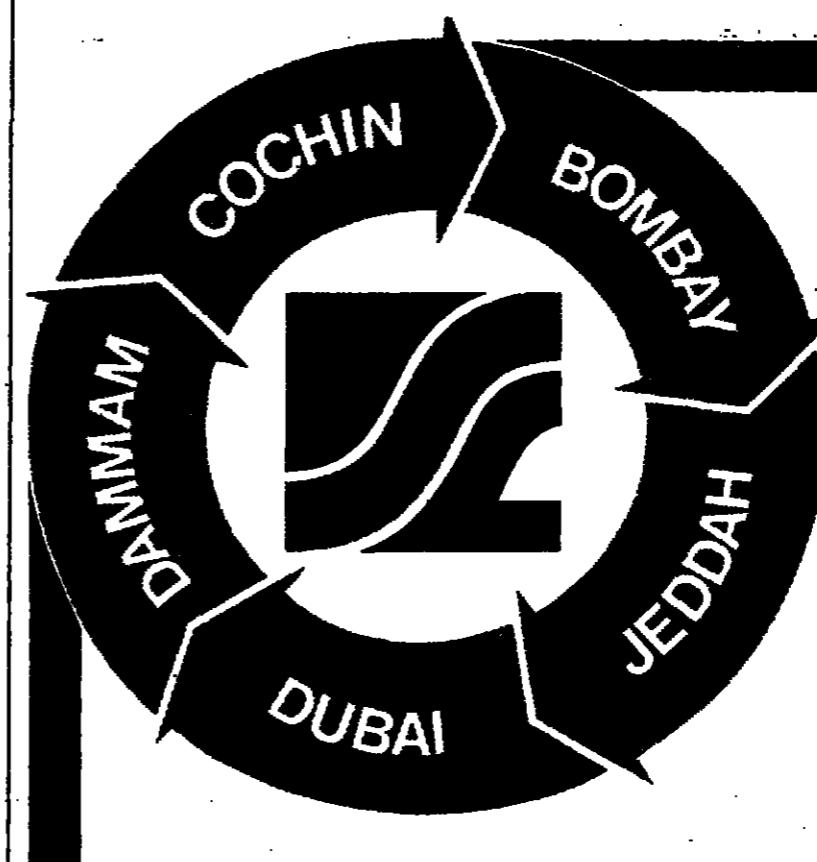
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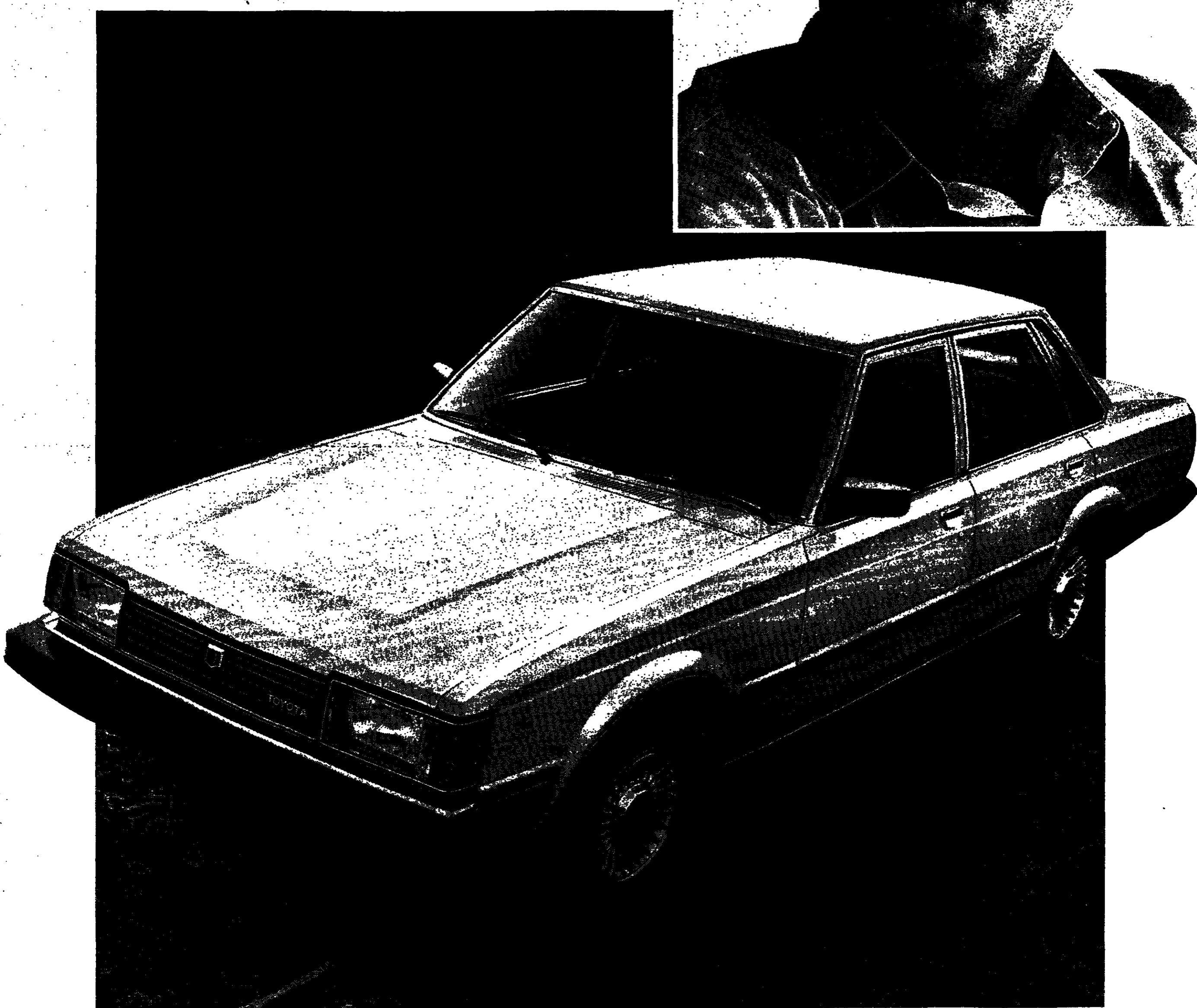


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Gavaskar finds form**India, Tasmania draw**

HOBART, Dec. 13 (AP) — A return by Indian opening batsman and skipper Sunil Gavaskar was the only highlight of the third and final day's play in the three-day cricket match against Tasmania Saturday.

The game fizzled out to a draw after bad light stopped play 76 minutes before stumps with Tasmania 62 for one.

Gavaskar declared India's second innings closed at 220 for three leaving Tasmania the almost impossible task of scoring 263 runs in 157 minutes.

The Tasmania batsmen never took up the challenge and were just playing out time.

Earlier in the day Gavaskar delighted the small crowd at the ground with a masterful innings of 85.

Gavaskar despatched the Tasmanian bowlers for 10 fours and one six in his 174 minute stay.

Prior to this knock he had experienced a lean time with the bat and had scored only 29 runs in his past six innings. The run of outs followed his 157 in the opening match of the tour against Western Australia.

India resumed Saturday morning at 62, for no wicket with Gavaskar on 30 and Chetan Chauhan not out on 32.

The partnership was not broken until 147 when Chauhan was caught at long-on for 66.

Surprises highlight Cup play

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, Dec. 13 — Three surprises highlighted the Saudi Milk League Cup second round last week when 16 teams competed for a place in the quarter — finals this Sunday and Monday (Dec. 14 & 15).

Cup holders Whittaker crashed out 3-2 to a strong Lockheed team, despite coming back from a 2-0 first-half deficit.

Lockheed played attacking football from the start and constant possession and two early goals resulted in a slackening of pressure as half-time approached. This allowed Whittaker to equalise after the break, but Lockheed came back strongly in the last quarter to run out deserved winners.

Al Hada, contender for the Second Division title, came from 1-0 down to put First Division F.O.J.P. out of contention with a 3-1 victory. F.O.J.P. took early control, hitting the post before they went ahead, but faded badly allowing Hada to take the game.

Al Hada now face much fancied Saudia, who advanced with a walk-over against injury-hit I.A.L., on Monday, in what could be the Cup's hardest match.

Dallah Avco, current league champions, crashed 4-3 to Second Division leaders N.J.I.A., despite leading 2-1 at one stage. Revenge for N.J.I.A. whose second team suffered a humiliating 9-2 defeat from Dallah in the first round last month.

N.J.I.A. now meet Zahid, who over-

This was the second highest partnership so far on the Indian tour — bettered only by a 212 run partnership between Dilip Vengsarkar and Sandip Patel against South Australia.

Friday belonged to Tasmania with Davison, David Boon and Robbie Knight all scoring well.

Davison was very severe on the limited Indian attack scoring 76 not out in only 126 minutes.

He came to the wicket with Tasmania's score at 150 and combined in two important partnerships.

The first was with Boon and they added 43 runs in only 31 minutes.

Later Davison and allrounder Stuart Saunders added 70 runs for the sixth wicket in 81 minutes.

Boon, 19, finished with 63 runs and it is understood test selector Allan Davison, who was at the match, was impressed with the youngster.

Boon came to the wicket with Tasmania two for 31.

He and first drop batsman Robbie Knight combined in a 710 run third-wicket partnership.

Boon batted for 151 minutes and hit eight fours in his innings while Knight batted for 154 minutes for 43.9.



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Mavericks end losing streak, down Clippers

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP) — Coach Dick Motta had seen his expansion Dallas Mavericks lose 28 of their first 30 games. So when they raced to a 61-49 halftime lead over San Diego Friday night, he wasn't taking anything for granted — they'd already blown a halftime lead nine times this season.

"When we shot 60 per cent in the first half, I knew we had to come down to earth," said Motta. "I just hoped that we could survive."

They did, but just barely.

The Clippers closed the deficit to 78-76 at the end of the third quarter and moved in from several times in the final period. But Dallas guard Brad Davis hit a jumper with five seconds left to tie the score 102-102 had the game into overtime, then the Mavs outscored San Diego 10-2 to post a 112-109 victory.

The Mavericks' fourth National Basketball Association victory ended a 12-game losing streak.

S.A. crushes Indonesians

By Munir Muhammad Ali

JEDDAH, Dec. 13 — The Saudi Arabian national team set a new scoring record Friday beating the visiting Indonesian national team 8-0 in Riyadh. The Kingdom's previous record was a 7-0 victory against Qatar during the last Gulf tournament.

It was not the only heavy loss for Indonesian football as the local first division selected team shattered the Indonesian first division team with half a dozen goals after a superb performance in Riyadh Wednesday.

Minelli, the national team's coach, introduced new faces into the team after its disappointing results at the first Islamic games in Izmir, Turkey, earlier this year. The new selection has introduced Fahd Al-Musaibeh and Shae Al-Nifesa breaking the traditional team that depended on Nasr's Majed Abdul-

lah and Yusuf Khamis, and Ahli's Amin Dabu and Ahmad Sagir as forwards.

After the dispiriting loss, head of the Indonesian delegation was received by Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, president of youth welfare, Saturday for friendly talks. Prince Faisal stressed during the meeting that the gain in sports meetings is not considered by the results of matches at the field, but in the gathering of brothers to bridge cooperation and love.

The two national teams will have a rematch Sunday in Jeddah, while the first division were to meet in Jeddah Monday night.

After Friday's match, the victorious Saudi Arabian national team was greeted by Prince Fahd ibn Sultan, president of the Saudi Arabian football federation. The prince hailed the good standard of the team and high cooperation spirit of the team members.

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Walters leads revival**Australia stages recovery**

PERTH, Dec. 13 (AP) — Dashing Doug Walters rescued Australia on the second day of the second test against New Zealand here Saturday.

At tea, Australia had recovered from a desperate 5/68 to be 7/176 in reply to New Zealand's first innings of 196 at the WACA ground.

Walters made a fighting 55.

At the break, Rodney Marsh was unbeaten with 43 and Rodney Hogg had yet to score.

Walters and Marsh took charge after the New Zealand pace attack had rocked Australia in the opening session.

Walters adopted the chief scoring role while the left handed Marsh was mostly content to keep his end intact.

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Fleming earns finals berth

McEnroe defeats ruffled Nastase

MONTREAL, Canada, Dec. 13 (AP) — Peter Fleming defeated fellow-American Eliot Teltscher 6-2, 6-2 Friday night to qualify for Saturday's semifinal round at the \$320,000 World Championship Tennis Challenge Cup.

John McEnroe, who defeated Romania's Nastase 6-0, 6-3 in the second match Friday night, and Teltscher had already earned a berth in the semifinals. McEnroe completed round-robin play with a 3-0 record, while Fleming and Teltscher were 2-1.

Fleming was awarded first place in his four-player group because he defeated Teltscher. Fleming's victory over the 21-year-old Teltscher kept him from slipping into a three-way tie with Harold Solomon and Shlomo Gluckstein of Israel. Under rules of the tournament, the number of sets and games won by each player would have been used to break the deadlock.

Fleming broke Teltscher's service in the third game of the first set and held his own serve when he aced for the winning point in the fourth game. Teltscher protested when umpire Jason Smith ruled Fleming's serve was in bounds and Teltscher seemed disinterested after the call.

Fleming made another controversial boundary call in the fifth game of the second set as Fleming again broke his opponent's service. "I'm sure he did lose some of his drive because of the calls," Fleming said of Teltscher.

Fleming made things even tougher by repeatedly catching Teltscher flat-footed with an overpowering serve.

The McEnroe-Nastase match, generated great interest because of comments made by the two players earlier in the week.

McEnroe had said "the only thing Nastase does when he plays against me is to see how many times he can cheese me off." Nastase had replied to the charge by calling McEnroe a punk and vowing to beat him when they met on the court.

But Nastase seemed to lose his desire on the third point of the first game in the opening set when umpire Don Wyley ruled one of his returns out of bounds. The rest of the match became a farce, with Nastase attempting to unsettle McEnroe, while he in turn tried to deliberately hit Nastase with several of his returns. Asked after the match if there was bad blood between the two, Nastase replied: "Not really. He's just a spoiled kid, but he'll learn." Nastase finished the tournament with a 0-3 record. His last-place finish earned him \$5,000.

Meanwhile, Argentina's Guillermo Vilas had arrived back in Australia, hoping to win the Australian Open Tennis tournament for the third year in a row.

He will have a warm-up tournament when he competes as top seed in the New South Wales mens open next week. He is scheduled to meet France's number one Yannick Noah in a quarter final, and if he wins would then play either of two Americans, Vitas Gerulaitis or John Saidt.

Vilas is one of five competitors ranked in the world's top ten who are competing in this tournament. They are, Vilas (4), Czechoslovakian Ivan Lendl (6), Argentinian Jose Luis Clerc (8), Americans Vitas Gerulaitis (9) and Brian Gottfried (10).



Barker ousts Ruzici in Australian tennis

ADELAIDE, Dec. 13 (AP) — Britain's Sue Barker scored an exciting 6-7, 3-6, 6-3 win over Romania's Virginia Ruzici in a quarterfinal match of the 25,000 (Aust.) dollar National Panasonic South Australian Women's open at Memorial Drive Friday.

The match, which lasted more than four hours, was interrupted twice by showers, total of two hours seven minutes of laying time was lost. This was the first time Barker, the tournament's fifth seed, and Ruzici, third seed, have met this year. Barker now meets Hungary's Marie Pinterova in Saturday's semifinals. Pinterova beat Amanda Tobin of Australia 6-2, 2-6, 3-6. In another quarterfinal veteran Betty Rose (Holland) advanced into the semifinals with a 6-4, 6-4 win over 17-year-old West German junior Claudia Kohde. Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia advanced into the semi-finals with a 6-3, 7-6, 6-0 victory over American Bettina Jungs. The match, which was played under lights, lasted three hours and 25 minutes.

Mihara to oppose Uganda's Kalule

OKYO, Dec. 13 (AP) — Tadashi Mihara of Japan will challenge World Boxing Association (WBA) Junior Middleweight champion Ayud Kalule of Uganda in a title fight in Copenhagen, Denmark, in April next, an official of the Japan Boxing Commission said.

Minoru Kojima, deputy director-general of Japan Boxing Commission, said the fight of Mihara, the WBA's No. 1 contender, as challenger in the next WBA junior middleweight title fight was confirmed during general meeting of the World Boxing Association held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Nov. 23-29.

Specific date and place for the title match yet to be fixed, he added. Mihara has a record of 12 wins, 10 of them inside the distance, against no loss.

Los Angeles, California, Rafael Limon became the World Boxing Council's (WBC) flyweight champion on Thursday after a 15th round of Venezuela's Ildefonso Jimenez.



John McEnroe



Peter Fleming

Nadig victory enhances lead in ski events

PIANCALVOLLO, Italy, Dec. 13 (AP) — Marie Therese Nadig continued here snowballing victory march by winning the downhill here Friday for her fifth victory in the six World Cup Skiing events so far this season.

She did it in a way which should strike fear into her opponents — she was not skiing her best.

Nervous because of the world cup points at stake for both the downhill and the combined, and uncomfortable on the thawing, slow snow, the Swiss champion was almost caught by Norwegian Tonil Fjeldstad, who finished second by only .36 hundredths of a second.

Nadig was not happy with her performance, "I didn't ski right," she said. "It's better not to think about the world cup. It gets you nervous."

The latest win gave her 50 world cup points, 25 for the downhill plus 25 in the combined for the downhill and Sunday's giant slalom at Piemonte which she won. She now is far ahead in the run for the women's world cup, with 136 points out of a maximum possible of 150, and a 76 point lead over her next rival Irene Epple of West Germany.

With the first special slalom of the season scheduled for her Saturday, such slalom specialists as France's Perrine Pelen, currently fourth in the standings, could rise up to challenge Nadig. Pelen has done well to accumulate 54 points so far.

But Nadig's confidence is growing and she is now looking forward to the special slalom, traditionally her weakest event. "With the way I'm skiing now, I think I can win points in the special," she said.

The Swiss bombshell Friday skied almost a full second slower than her training time. Fjeldstad, 23, was overjoyed with her best world cup showing ever. The Norwegian finished fourth last year in the combined here and seventh in the downhill at Lake Placid.

"What a surprise," she said. "The best I thought I would do was eighth or tenth, and that would have been great."

Fjeldstad broke up a Swiss sweep of the top three places. Finishing in third and fourth behind Nadig's compatriot Doris



SNOWBALLIN': Switzerland's Marie Therese Nadig in action during Sunday's women's world cup giant slalom in Piemonte.

de Agostini and Annemarie Bischofberger.

Nadig's victories this season have been — the downhill and combined at Val d'Isere, the giant slalom, downhill and combined at Piancavolo.

Marie Therese Nadig of Switzerland now has 136 points out of a maximum possible of 150 in the Women's World Cup standings and has a 76 point lead over her nearest rival, West Germany's Irene Epple.

Women's World Cup standings after six races:

1 — Marie Therese Nadig SWI	136 pts.
2 — Tonil Fjeldstad NOR	20 pts.
3 — Cindy Krieger CAN	20 pts.
4 — Cornelia Proell AUS	19 pts.
5 — Marie-Luce Waknner FRA	18 pts.

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1 — Marie Therese Nadig SWI	56 pts.
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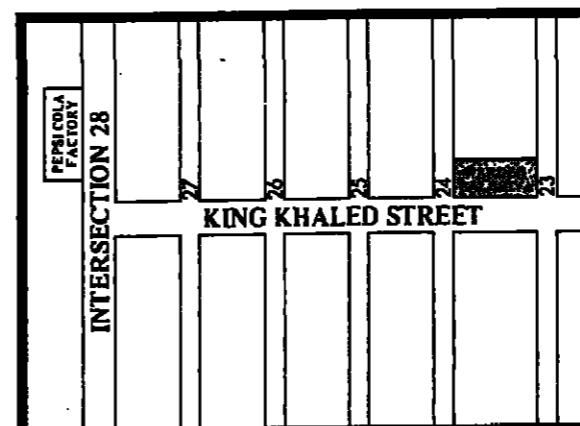
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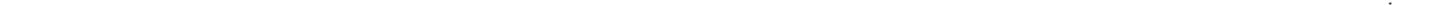
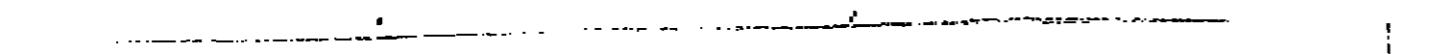
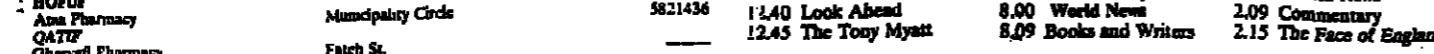
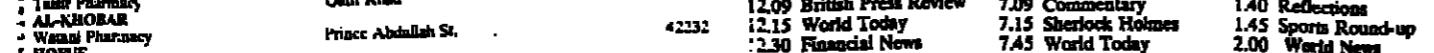
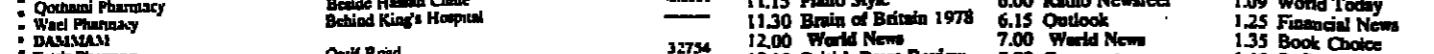
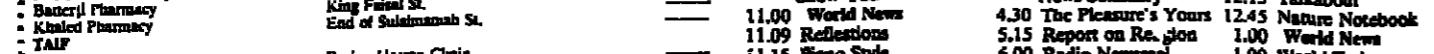
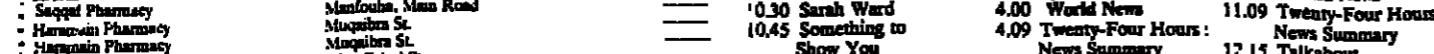
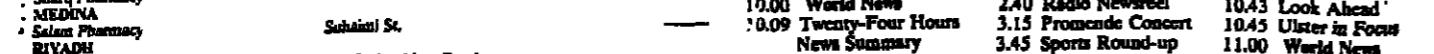
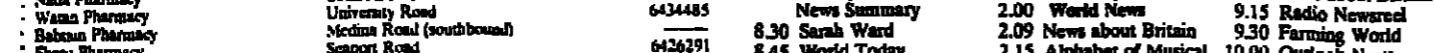
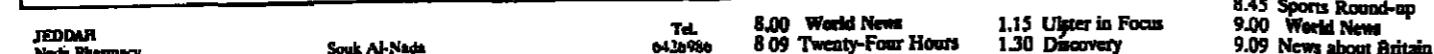
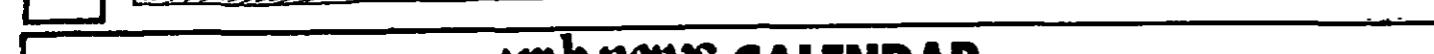
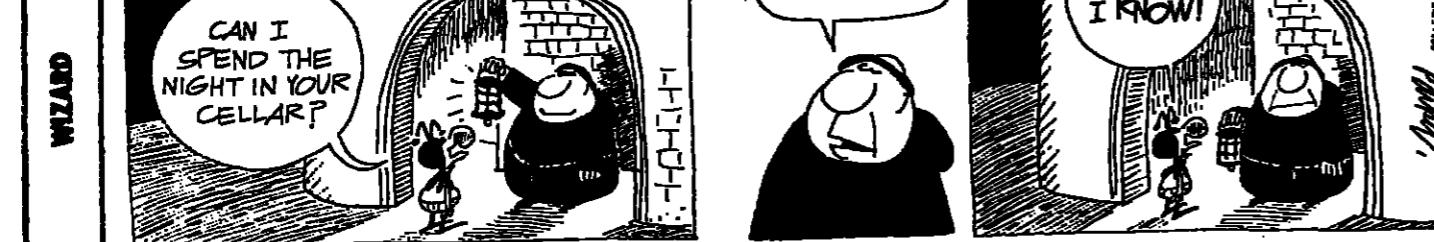
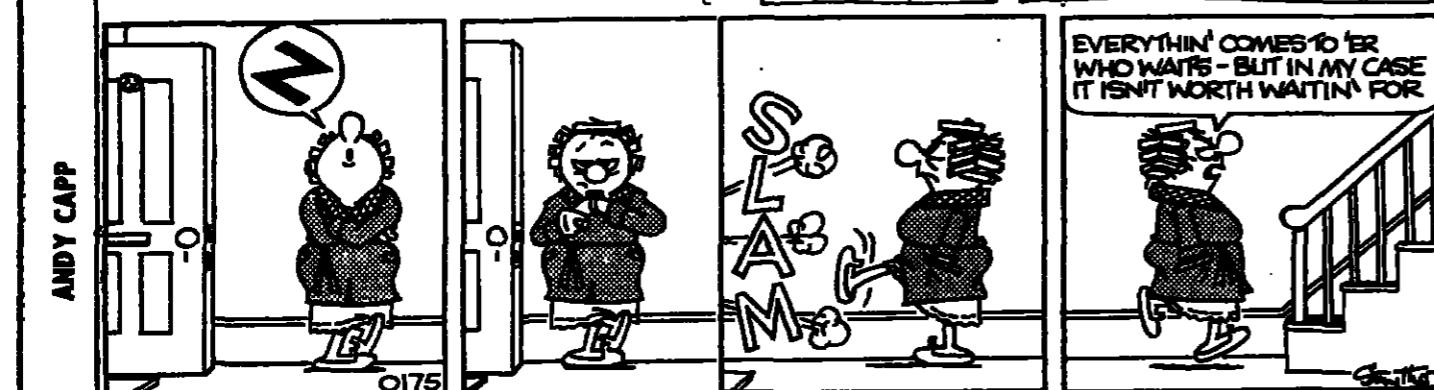
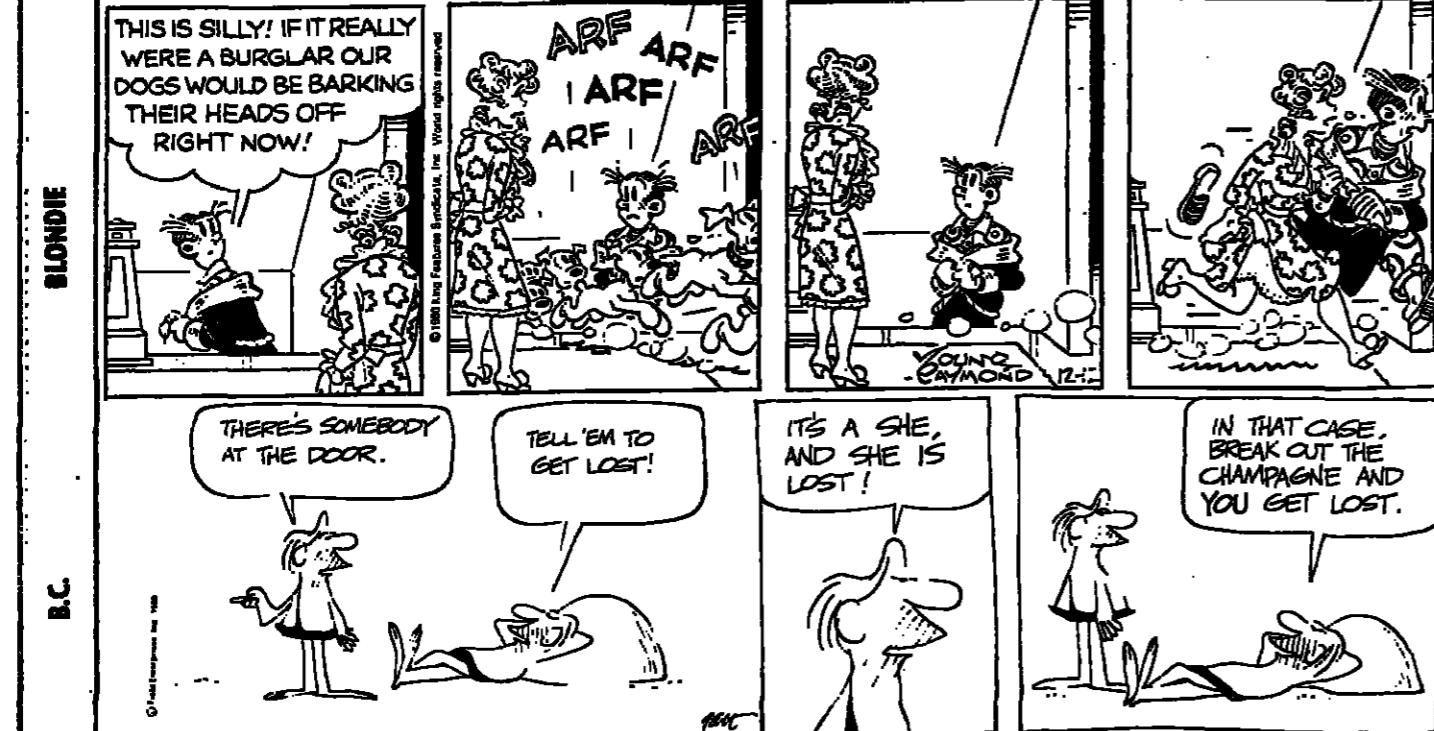
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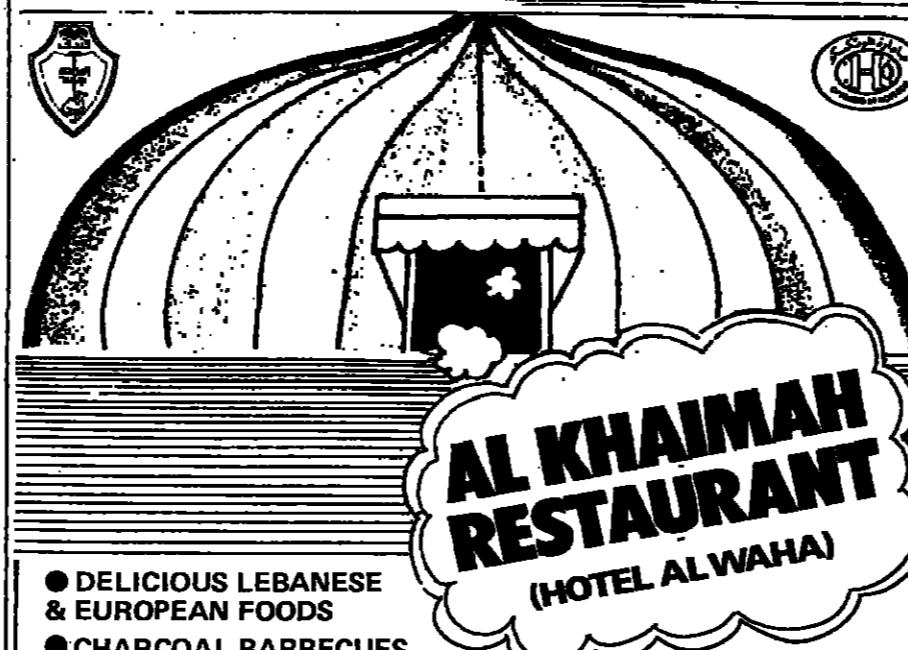
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Iranian official says U.S. hostage reply 'basically positive'

TEHRAN, Dec. 13 (R) — The U.S. response to Iran's terms for freeing the 52 American hostages has been "basically positive" a senior Iranian official involved in the hostage issue said Saturday, according to the official Pars news agency.

But the official, Ahmad Azizi, said that four black American clergymen now visiting Tehran would not be able to secure the release of the hostages, now in the 406th day of their captivity. Azizi, whose official title is director of American hostage affairs in the office of the prime minister, was quoted by Pars as saying: "The reply and the position of the United States to the conditions set by the Islamic consultative assembly (parliament) have been basically positive."

The latest U.S. note on Tehran's four conditions for freeing the hostages was brought

Accused spy kept on job by Waldheim

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 13 (AP) — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has decided to waive U.N. retirement rules and retain for an additional six months the services of a top aide who was linked to the KGB, the Russian secret police, by a Soviet defector.

Waldheim acted after the Soviet Union requested that the contract of his special assistant, Victor Lessovski, be extended for an additional year. In meeting the Russian request half-way, Waldheim noted that Lessovski's successor already had been selected "but cannot arrive in New York for several months." The successor is understood to be another Soviet official.

Akady N. Shevchenko, a Soviet diplomat who defected to the United States two years ago, identified Waldheim's special assistant as a KGB officer. Shevchenko had been Waldheim's under-secretary at the time of his defection.

A statement issued by Waldheim's office Friday said: "It should be noted that the general assembly will be resumed in January. Since Mr. Lessovski's duties are directly related to the work of the assembly, it proved undesirable to have a gap in service and Mr. Lessovski has therefore been extended for six months."

"Exigencies of the service have required similar extensions in other cases involving a variety of nationalities," the statement added without elaboration.

to Iran nine days ago by Algerian intermediaries, who are still awaiting Iran's reply. Azizi said the talks with the Algerian envoys were continuing and the results would be published soon after the Algerian team left Tehran.

Details of the slow-moving dialogue between Tehran and Washington have been a closely-guarded secret. But Azizi's comments were a clear sign that the two sides were making progress towards a settlement.

On the visit of the four American clergymen, Azizi was quoted as saying that if they intended to obtain the release of the hostages, this would not be the case. He was apparently responding to Western press reports that the four, who arrived in Tehran Friday, aimed to work for the release of the hostages.

However, Lehman Bates, one of the clergymen, said Friday that the main purpose of his visit was to expand understanding between the Christian and Muslim religions.

"If they (the Iranians) raise the subject (of the hostages) we will have to respond," he said.

Iranian Executive Affairs Minister Behzad Navabi, who heads a special group handling the hostage question said in a newspaper interview Saturday that the next Iranian message on the hostages would contain Iran's proposals for how the release conditions should be met. Iran has demanded that the U.S. government pledge not to interfere in Iranian affairs, release impounded Iranian assets, drop all legal claims against Iran and return the wealth of the late Shah.

The U.S. position so far has been that legal and constitutional difficulties prevented full U.S. compliance with at least two of these terms.

Iranian officials have in the past dismissed these objections, saying the conditions were worded so that they could be met under U.S. law.

Aspirin may help eyes

CHICAGO, Dec. 13 (AP) — A daily dose of aspirin may help delay the appearance of some of the blinding cataracts that cripple thousands of the elderly, a research team headed by a Yale University doctor has found. T.J. Cotter and coworkers have found preliminary evidence that elderly patients who take aspirin for rheumatoid arthritis have fewer cataracts than those who don't, according to a report in Friday's issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

A separate study at Yale and the University of Illinois eye and ear infirmary has found that aspirin users show a slower rate of cataract formation, they said.



PUSH AND FULL : Two boys push and pull a pair of skaters across an ice-covered pond near Santa Fe, New Mexico. The area got several inches of snow last week.

Codefendant stands mute

'Gang' member confesses to plotting revolt

PEKING, Dec. 13 (AP) — Wang Hongwen, the youngest member of the "Gang of Four," confessed in court Saturday that he and others plotted an armed rebellion in Shanghai in 1967, while his codefendant Zhang Chucqiao stood mute, Communist Chinese sources said.

The sources reported Wang, 45, testified that he conspired in the abortive uprising along with Zhang, who is the former mayor of Shanghai, Yao Wenyuan, another member of the "Gang," and others.

Wang, a former party vice chairman, has turned state's evidence and confessed in all the hearings in an apparent bid for mercy. Zhang, a former vice premier, remained silent, refusing to answer questions or look at the bench, sources said. Zhang never has testified in court and has been reported very ill.

The court summoned two witnesses, sources said. They were identified as former

secretaries of the Shanghai municipal party committee, Xu Jingxian and Madame Wang Xizhu.

Details of the testimony were not immediately known. The armed uprising in Shanghai was the final major charge in the 48-count indictment. The fourth member of the "Gang," Chairman Mao Tse-tung's widow, is not named in that charge.

The indictment alleges that the three other "Gang" members felt their power slipping and decided to fight.

At his previous court appearance last week, Zhang stood "like a chunk of granite," spectators said, and refused to answer charges that he ran a spy and torture ring and approved bloody factional fighting.

Wang confessed last week that he directed the biggest armed riot in Shanghai's history. He said he directed an attack on a factory during the Cultural Revolution in 1967.

The indictment does not say, however, how the uprising was financed.

All defendants face possible death sentences with no possibility of appeal. The trials is closed to the foreign press on grounds party and state, secrets will be divulged.

It has dawned on me recently that all the nations of the earth, no matter how different culturally and economically, agree on one thing: the essential shape of the love story. Be it country permissive or conservative, "advanced" or "backward," writers speak with one voice on the mutual admiration of man and woman. The ingredients are the same. In fact, three or four elements have carried the tale in different combinations from the dawn of history to the present.

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One of the most successful films in the field of the West, *Lust Story*, introduced the variation of illness, and terminal ones; that, into the situation. But we fans of Farid Al Attash saw nothing new in that our lad was always terminally ill in his films (alas, this caught up with him later in real life) and the ladies wept bitter tears in the darkness of the cinema for his sad fate. Translated from *Asharq Al Awsat*.

Buses get green light

RENNES, France, Dec. 13 (AFP) — Buses here have been fitted with an electronic system that automatically gives them the green light at each city intersection they approach, the mayor's office announced Saturday.

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